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City's New Police Chief Promises Community Inclusion



A scene from Theatre Under The Stars' production of Phantom by Arthur Kopit and Maury Yeston (Photo by Carol Rosegg) See page 4

By Curt Morrison

Last November, Mayor Bob Lanier appointed Clarence O. Bradford as the new chief of police. Currently at the helm of Houston's Police Department, Bradford replaced retiring Chief Sam Nuchia who will serve as a judge for the First Court of Appeals. The *Houston Voice* contacted Bradford's office to see if he was amenable for an interview as a means of introducing him to our community and he enthusiastically was.

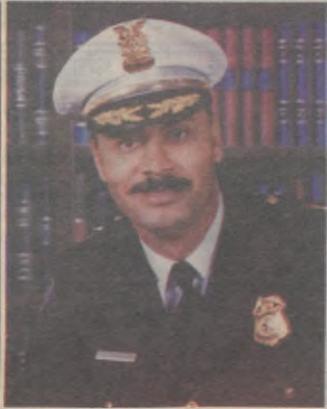
Born in Newellton, La. in a family that consisted of 12 brothers and sisters, his ascension to the chief of police in the fourth largest city in the United States stems from hard work and determination. He is soft spoken, yet determined. Moreover, he appears to be accessible and easy to converse with. One thing is certain, he has a vision and plans to implement it accordingly.

Career opportunities brought the compassionate and soft spoken Bradford to Houston. Realizing that he was considering joining the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), a friend of his suggested that he spend some time working for a Police Department in a large metropolitan city such as Los Angeles and Houston.

Recruited by the HPD after graduation, he realized after two years that he wanted to make Houston his home and utilize his talents in our city. He purports to no longer aspire to be employed with the FBI.

As Chief of Police, his primary vision is to bridge the gap between the Police Department and the community. He wants to make the HPD stronger and more accessible to the citizens of Houston. "I believe the community has to have access to the Police Department. The community has to be supportive and understand that the Police Department is there to help and assist. That's the greatest support we have."

Bradford, who has a degree in criminal justice, acknowledges that the task will be a challenge, however, he emphasized that his role in the relationship between community and police is a very important one.



Houston's New Police Chief Clarence O. Bradford.

Bradford referred to Human Relations training in the Police Department as an example of the departments efforts at diversity and sensitivity to community needs. "This year we will complete the last year of a multi-phase process that requires all Houston Police Department employee's classified as civilians to go through the program," said Bradford.

"That does not mean that we are going to stop human relations training at the end of this year because we won't do that. What we are going to do, from this point forward, is do selective courses and look at employee's on a case by case basis. But we will have courses that are still being offered," added Bradford.

Bradford says the department has several community organizations that they meet with on a regular basis and that the aforementioned avenue of community outreach is one of many. He cites the Positive Interaction Program (PIP) and Police Activity League (PAL) as examples of such. Additionally, Bradford lectures and instructs at area schools.

How does Bradford feel about gay and lesbian police officers? "As the head of recruiting department for the HPD for three years, I can assure you that I think our policy is better than that of Los Angeles, New York and Dallas in that we don't

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AFH Benefit The Talk of the Town

In Your Ear and Off The Wall to be held at JAGS

by Lee Davis

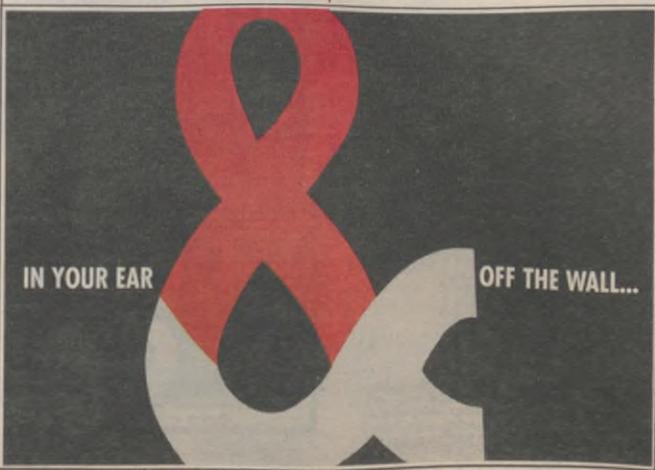
JAGS Restaurant at 5120 Woodway is the place to be on January 11 from 7 to 11pm for AIDS Foundation Houston's (AFH) "In Your Ear and Off The Wall". Touted as a fund-raiser for HIV/AIDS health care, volunteer programs, education and social services, this appears to be THE event of the New Year.

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As part of "In Your Ear and Off The Wall", Chairmen Diane Marks and Trey Yates are bringing the art community and children into the picture in a big way. Many volunteers have been hard at work painting a giant mural called "The Wall". "Through art, we are trying to expand our outreach program concerning the education and prevention of AIDS in a manner that will best suit different segments of the community. Art is a universal teacher

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New Year's Eve Bering Foundation Community Service Fundraiser a huge success

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By SARA SPEER SELBER

Executive Director, AIDS Foundation Houston

AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. would like to publicly acknowledge Meryvn's California and their West Oaks and Fondren locations for their generosity in donating \$507.00 to Stone Soup.

The primary goal of Stone Soup Food Assistance Program is to provide non-perishable and perishable food items as well as toiletry items to HIV symptomatic individuals. Thanks in a large part to the generosity of Houstonians and charitable corporate organizations such as Meryvn's California, Stone Soup is able to provide no cost food and toiletry items to over 1000 qualified clients on a regular basis throughout the year.

AIDS Foundation Houston salutes Meryvn's California for their continued support of our programs and services.

Toy Drive Appreciation

By MIKE GEINZER

President, NLA: Houston

The 1996 Annual Christmas Toy Drive, sponsored by the Houston Chapter of The National Leather Association came to a close on Dec. 22 when Santa's elves, Toy Drive Chairperson Neil Thompson and Brian Keever delivered in excess of 1400 new toys to the children of The Loving Arms Foundation and The PWA Coalition.

In addition to the bags and bags of toys, NLA: Houston also divided between these organizations \$1,100 collected from various fund raisers and coin collection jars. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the membership, and associates of NLA: Houston, I would personally like to recognize, with thanks and gratitude those who made this, our 6th such event, the best ever.

We thank the staff and management of Basic Brothers, Boudreaux's, Brazos River Bottom, Briar Patch, Chances, Cousins, Crossroad's Market, E/J's, Gentry, Leather by Boots, Leather Forever, Mary's Naturally, Jo's Outpost, Pacific Street, Ripcord, and our own home-bar, The Venture-N. These businesses provided valuable space for our toy collection boxes and our coin-jars. This was the only outlet for our collections and to these businesses we offer our heartfelt love and support.

To the many individuals who cared for these children in time, toys, cash, and support, we cannot ever express our gratitude; they include but are not limited to: Jeffrey Bays for his kind contribution of the collection boxes, John Fitzgerald (a.k.a. Maraschino Cherry) and Mark Dickmeyer for their hilarious "Jingle Balls" benefit show and the \$200 raised at that event, Emperor Jim Halbert's benefit show at Chances raised \$750, Jeff Chapman and all of The Houston Area Bears, Steve Carbone and The Rainbow Ranglers, Empress Ruby Stone and The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star, Marlene of Chances, Jim Roberts of the Venture-N, Mary's Naturally for their generous check, to all the performers in both benefit shows, and to anyone I might have missed, it was not intentional.

Even to our dear Marvin Davis, a.k.a. Lady Victoria Lust, remembered our children and planned for our toy drive prior to his passing. That was a most precious gift and cherished memory.

And NLA: Houston would like to thank most of all, the hundreds of brothers and sisters who contributed, anonymously, the toys and money that made this Christmas so much brighter to so many kids from 3-months to 14 years of age. Without this spirit of charity, there would be no toys, and perhaps, no Christmas at all for these kids. Thank you and God Bless you all.

Finally, I would like to recognize our own members: Neil Thompson, who took charge and organized this project, to Brian, Salvatore, Mark, Orlin, Jim, and the rest of NLA: Houston who assisted in decorating and distributing the jars and boxes, who cleaned them out when they were overflowing, who picked them up, and who helped sort and distribute the toys in so short a time before Christmas. I am overwhelmed.

A Sizzling Steak?

By TIREY B. COUNTS

I just picked up a copy of the VOICE for the first time in several weeks. I am very impressed with the new look. The graphics are professional, the layout is logical and the substance in the articles shows that there is steak behind all the sizzle. Keep up the good work.

An Open Letter To The Community

By THOMAS MARKS

Chairperson—Charities Committee
Bunnies on the Bayou, Inc.

Every year for 18 years a group of about 30 friends have thrown an Easter Party. The object of this party started out simply to be "Have Fun!" It has since evolved to be "Have Fun and Help People!" and has grown from a small get together to a tremendous outdoor event attended last year by about 2500 people. The invited guests of this annual party, now known as "Bunnies on the Bayou," are asked to make a generous donation of cash or non-perishable food at the door in order to attend. The food collected is donated to local food pantries. The monetary donations are divided among several deserving Houston area 501(c)3 charities.

This year Bunnies on the Bayou, Inc. is asking the cooperation of the community in order to find the most deserving and needy beneficiaries. If you know of or work with a charity which has 501(c)3 tax-exempt status, is doing exceptional work and is in need of funds, please have them contact us. We need proof of 501(c)3 status, a mission statement and recent financial statements along with current information on the organization. A detailed explanation must be included regarding the specific project or activity that would be funded. Any other information, i.e. brochures, press clippings, etc. would also be welcome.

This material must be received no later than Jan. 31, 1997. We will be selecting this year's recipients the first week in February for the party on Sunday, March 30, 1997. Please send all information to: Bunnies on the Bayou, Inc., P.O. Box 66832, Houston, TX 77266 ATTN: Thomas Marks.

A Proud Father

By BUD WEBER

Here it is the beginning of another year, 1997. A year we look forward to in some ways and in others we don't.

You readers have been reading our son's (Glen Weber) column for quite some time and, as such, are aware of his condition. Hopefully it will improve.

This epistle is perhaps meant for a lot of parents who have sons or daughters with the virus or some other illness where there is presently no cure.

Like Glen, I am also a published writer. It runs in the family. His sister Carol is a wonderful poet. Brother Mark is a newspaper editor and teaches communications in a magnet school.

When Glen was diagnosed with the HIV, we kept in mind that Glen was still our child.

To all of you parents out there with gay or lesbian children remember this—they are still your children.

Yes, Glen is a homosexual, something he couldn't help. He has the HIV virus. Yes, we love him the same as our other children. Thankfully, his sister and brother also love him as they always have. So do his niece and nephews. They are crazy about Glen. He is a very good uncle.

For you parents that shun, and disown your son or daughter for being "different," Shame, Shame, on you! Maybe reading this will put a different light on your problem. They are still your children. They need your love and support.

Presently the problem is finding a cure for HIV, heart trouble, diabetes, plus other unpleasant diseases we as a society are faced with.

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Metropolitan News Capsule

Theatre Suburbia To Hold Auditions

If you aspire to be an actor or actress, now is your chance. Theatre Suburbia will be holding auditions for *Hand Jive*, billed as a play with a "twist" by Lew Holton.

Needed are two female actresses and two male actors. The male actors will be vying for roles between the ages of mid twenties to mid forties. The female characters range between the mid twenties to the mid fifties.

Director Elvin Moriarty encourages all participants to bring their resume's and a head shot. Auditions, consisting of readings from the script, will be held on Jan. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. Theatre Suburbia is located at 1410 West 43rd at Oak Forest. For further information, call 682-3523.

In related news, the theatre kicks off the new year with *Accomplice*, the award-winning thriller by Rupert Holmes. The play runs from Jan. 10 through Feb. 8,

1997. Call the aforementioned number for show times and ticket prices. Reservations are recommended.

City Council Postpones Vote On S.O.B.'s

The Houston City Council postponed a scheduled vote on the controversial bill concerning Sexually Oriented Businesses. According to Pete Boerner, an aid to city councilmember Helen Huey, the bill was "tagged" to provide those councilmembers who were not on the committee time to absorb its impact and details.

"The amount of mail and correspondence we have received suggests that the public is overwhelmingly behind the committee's bill," said Boerner. He added that the proposal has pitted neighborhood communities against business owners. Boerner indicated that the S.O.B. owners have increased their advertisements to win over public support.

The bill is scheduled to go to a vote next week.

'Phantom' Fights AIDS

By LEE DAVIS

Members of the cast of Theatre Under The Stars' (TUTS) currently-running production of *Phantom* will be presented in concert Monday, Jan. 13 at Ovatons, 6117 Kirby Drive to benefit Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. concert showtime is 8pm to 10:30pm, and a minimum \$6 donation is required at the door, according to Richard Rice Alan, cast spokesperson.

Since Mondays are traditionally non-performance days in the theatre, the cast saw an opportunity to help in the struggle against AIDS, while contributing to the fine arts scene in Houston. A grand evening of song and dance by a classic cast await those in attendance.

Based on the 1911 novel *The Phantom of the Opera* by Gaston Leroux, *Phantom* is the musical story of a disfigured genius and his passion for a beautiful soprano. Erik, The Phantom, lives beneath the stage of the Paris Opera House. Enraptured by the voice of the street singer, Christine, Erik becomes her teacher, cultivating her voice to rival that of reigning diva, Carlotta.

The Houston cast includes Jack Dab-



Phantom co-stars Glory Crampton & Richard White

doub, a veteran leading actor of numerous Galveston musicals; noted character actor Zale Kessler; Bob Wrenn, Broadway performer and Assistant Director of *Phantom* and many others including Joe Lutton, Leslie Alexander, Andrea Andresakis, Mark Arvin, Gary Bankston, Barbie Brandon, James Cowan, Kitty Karn, Susan Kenyon, Elias Kalantzis, Andy McAvin and Mitch Rosengarten.

Accompanying on the piano will be Steven Jones. At TUTS, *The Phantom* is played by Richard White who has performed with the New York City Opera, Broadway's *The Most Happy Fella* and toured with Robert Goulet in *Camelot*. Glory Crampton again brings her shining voice to the role of Christine Daae, the young singer torn between her love for Count Philippe de Chandon and loyalty to the phantom maestro who trains her voice for the operatic stage. Performances continue at TUTS through Jan. 19, Tuesdays through Sundays. For ticket information call TUTS at 713.622.1626. For information regarding the Jan. 13th performance at Ovatons, call 713.522.9801. You may never again have the opportunity to participate in an event of this magnitude for such a low, low price!

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* Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.

Sunday-12/12

* Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "A Study in the Gospel of Mark" and "The 'I' Factor," (How to be a positive influence on others as a witness for Christ) at 10:00 am Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry, 11:00 am at Maranatha Fellowship 528-6756

* MCCR worship services 9:00 am & 11:00 am 861-9149

* Worship Service 11:00 am at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429

* Grace Lutheran Church Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:30 am 528-3269

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* Covenant Baptist Church Worship service 1:30 pm and education hour at 3:00 pm 668-8830

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Monday-1/13

* Catholic Mass at 7:30 pm Kolbe Project 522-8182

* MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149

Tuesday-1/14

* MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, Gloryland Singers at 8:00 pm, The Gospel Ensemble at 6:00 pm 861-9149

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Dornan Allegations Being Investigated

A Latino advocacy organization has been caught up in the controversy surrounding the defeat of congressional homophobe chorus leader Bob Dornan, as local media compete to follow up his allegations of "irregularities" at the polls.

Dornan filed a petition in the House of Representatives Dec. 26 against his victorious opponent, Loretta Sanchez, hoping that Congress will invalidate the election. Criminal investigations are being conducted by the Orange County District Attorney's Office (with the aid of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service) and the California Secretary of State's Office.

Dornan's charges of voter fraud have brought the heat down on a Santa Ana organization that assists Spanish-speaking immigrants as they make the transition to citizenship with everything from food and clothing to civics classes and job training. Members have also been involved in grass roots political activity and its director, Nativio Lopez, was elected last fall to the School Board and now serves as its president.

However, it now appears that some clients may have been erroneously told by Hermandad staffers that they were eligible to register as voters before their swearing-in ceremonies, if they had fulfilled all other requirements. A *Los Angeles Times* article last week tracked down 19 people who registered through Hermandad and apparently voted illegally. Sanchez's office, which has 30 days to respond to Dornan's complaint, said their campaign had no direct ties to the organization.

Other allegations by Dornan may prove to be less substantial. According to the Orange County Register, a number of the cases cited in his documentation, such as using business addresses for duplicate voting purposes and manipulating absentee ballots, have not been substantiated in their investigation to date.

Dornan's move to file his House complaint at this juncture is an effort to bypass the state court, which would have only have given him 10-20 days to prepare further pre-trial research. Sanchez believes it is unlikely that the Congress will act on the case without the support of state-level findings.

Dornan has already indicated he will seek to re-gain his congressional seat in 1998.

Gay Man Wins Citizen Award

In an attempt to increase civic pride, Las Vegas, Nevada has established a new "Citizen of the Month" Award, and the very first recipient is an openly gay man.

"Jerry Cade was the first physician willing to treat AIDS patients here and he is very deserving of this honor. His selection as the first person to be so honored will set a standard for those selected in the future," said Mayor Jan Laverty Jones when presenting the award.

Cade helped found the Wellness Center at the Medical Center of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, the state's only service dedicated specifically to HIV, nearly ten years ago. Cade is currently the Center's medical director of the inpatient unit and outpatient clinic which serve over one thousand people with HIV.

In addition, Cade was a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and of the National Board of Directors of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, which works to elect openly gay and lesbian candidates to public office.

Gingrich Remains House Speaker

Newt Gingrich survived a nail-biter of a leadership election today to retain his job as speaker of the House. Gingrich became the first Republican speaker to win re-election in successive Congresses in 68 years despite being abandoned by nine members of his own party.

Gingrich won 216 votes to 205 for the Democratic candidate, Richard Gephardt of Missouri. But five Republicans abstained from the vote and four others voted for other candidates, believing Gingrich should not be re-elected under an ethics cloud.

Gingrich then apologized to his colleagues and the country for the controversy that arose after he admitted violating House ethics rules when he taught a college course funded by tax-exempt donations. "Let me say to the entire House that...to the degree I was too brash, too self-confident or too pushy, I apologize."

Inmate Convicted For Exposing AIDS Virus Dies

Pine Bluff, Ark. (AP)—A state inmate serving a sentence for rape and exposing someone to the virus that causes AIDS has died.

Dexter G. Martin, 33, who was serving a 40-year sentence out of Conway County, died about 7 p.m. Sunday at the prison hospital here.

State Correction Department spokes-

person Dina Tyler said Monday that Martin apparently died of natural causes. She said he suffered a chronic viral infection and had entered the hospital Dec. 11. She said he had been hospitalized several times during his incarceration. He was sentenced Sept. 3, 1986.

The HIV virus causes the deadly illness known as AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

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Utah Controversy Escalates Nationwide

The controversy over a gay and lesbian high school club in Salt Lake City, Utah made #2 on an Associated Press top ten stories of the year list for the state. A similar controversy is already brewing in the legislature of neighboring Nevada, another is underway in Anchorage, Alaska, and the issue is likely to erupt in other states in the coming year.

The latest installment of the Utah school clubs policy story has seen the state school board establish a complex policy for its 40 school districts, a move that is expected to absolve the local boards of liability for any resulting lawsuits. One such lawsuit seems likely to come from Utah's American Civil Liberties Union, which has already complained that the policy is vague and unneeded. The policy will be up for official approval in January.

Federal access rules, which ironically were largely refined by a case involving a Christian Bible study group, say that once any group not associated with curriculum is allowed to use school facilities, others may not be barred based on their philosophies. As a result, the first response to the gay and lesbian club's formation in Salt Lake City was to ban all clubs not directly related to the curriculum, which brought on a firestorm of protest.

Officials from the Governor and the state legislature on down have been searching for a middle ground ever since, one that would allow them to stop the gays and lesbians while allowing various sports teams, eating clubs and other traditional frivolities to continue.

Utah's sodomy law gave the legisla-

ture a loophole of sorts that has so far gone unchallenged, of prohibiting clubs which may encourage criminal conduct or involve human sexuality. It may seem remarkable that a ban on clubs promoting bigotry was also part of that statute, but debate on the gay and lesbian club seemed inevitably to lead its opponents to imagine a neo-Nazi club forming next.

The new wrinkle in the statewide policy is to distinguish three different levels of supervision for clubs. Clubs entirely organized and directed by the schools are the only ones open to elementary school students. Middle school students can join "supervised students clubs" with close faculty supervision in activities organized with the school's permission. High school students have the option of "monitored school clubs" whose faculty advisors need only ensure that school rules are followed.

The organization of any new club requires a charter including a description of activities, a step which was in fact taken by the gay and lesbian club that started the controversy. The name of a club is required to represent the nature and purpose of the club, may not suggest an "inappropriate" association with an organization outside of the school, and may not create disruption. Local school boards are expressly prohibited from denying a club simply for being controversial, but they do have the power to control when and where it may meet, to decide whether it may make use of school publications and other communications media, and to require written parental consent for participation.

AIDS Foundations Re-Examine Direction

It's a period of turbulent transition for programs providing direct services to people with AIDS, but look for prevention services in the coming year to shift back to targeting gay men. Private funders are coming to recognize that generic prevention messages simply have not been effective for high risk groups.

Private foundations have been sinking more than \$35 million per year into a range of AIDS-related activities. About 1800 foundations and corporate donors are participants in Funders Concerned About AIDS, a New York-based association.

The group's executive director announced this month that targeted prevention will be a leading concern for the year to come and the years that follow. That targeting will include gay men and also needle exchange programs. Prevention services should no longer have to pass as mainstream to get a piece of the private charitable dollar, as they've done to obtain government prevention funds focused on counseling and test-

ing for the general population. Although the rate of new diagnoses among gay men in the U.S. has leveled off in recent years, especially by contrast with the growth curve among heterosexual women, many studies have documented continuing risky behavior among gay men and particularly gay youth.

Private funders are looking to target not only the audience messages are pitched to, but the medium and geographic locations as well. You can expect to see less of billboards and bus signs on the highways and more directed materials located where the case rates are high.

The international AIDS conference earlier this year in Vancouver offered some exciting hints of success for non-traditional prevention programs for gay youth—programs that were designed to meet young gay men's personal and social needs through peer groups and community centers, rather than simply repeat the wear-a-condom message they've heard before.

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China Sets Stricter Standards for Blood Trade

BEIJING (AP)—China has tightened regulations to clean up its suspect supply of blood and blood products and prevent the spread of infectious diseases like AIDS.

The new law, which took effect Sunday, promises severe penalties for those who violate the new rules, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported. It also outlined procedures for blood collection and regulations for firms that handle blood products.

However, the report gave no specifics about the new regulations including no word on whether the practice of using paid blood donors would be banned.

Until now, half of China's clinical blood supplies and all its plasma for blood products have come from paid donors. Those donors are believed to include China's most desperate people—drug addicts, prostitutes, migrants—who are at most risk for AIDS and other diseases.

The new law follows the discovery in April of AIDS antibodies in a commonly

used Chinese blood product, underscoring fears that the disease may be spreading to the population through blood supplies.

According to an earlier report in the official Workers Daily newspaper, blood plasma donors infected with HIV have been discovered in some areas going back to 1995.

A Health Ministry survey, meanwhile, put the hepatitis C infection rate among people who move around the country selling their blood plasma at 40 to 50 percent, reaching as high as 70 percent to 90 percent in some areas, it said.

That compares to an infection rate of around 1 percent among non-paid blood donors.

Blood collection centers usually do test for hepatitis and some may test for HIV, but official reports indicate the testing is inadequate. Blood dealers have also been seen using old and unclean equipment to produce blood plasma.

Miss Australia Contest Stirs Frenzy

When a male took the statewide title of Miss Victoria Fundraiser, he seemed to have qualified to compete for the national title of Miss Australia until the competition's organizer backed off to a women-only position. But the purpose of the competition is to raise funds for the Spastic Society, whose Victoria chapter declared Dec. 27 that it would insist on a gender-neutral competition with a name change from Miss Australia to Quest Australia.

Miss Victoria Fundraiser Brad Rodgers, set a new record for the 42-year history of the competition when he raised over \$100,000 (Australian) for the Spastic Society. At first the awards organizer, the Miss Australia Company, seemed to welcome Rodgers' participation, who planned to wear a tux rather than appear in drag. The company's sudden turnabout saddened and confused him, and while he welcomed the Spastic Society's advocacy, he continued to take the high road. He said, "I'm hopeful. The only people that can get hurt by a slanging match are the people who are helped by the money

raised."

Brad's father John Rodgers had less patience. He wanted to see the funds Brad had raised returned and redistributed to a different charity. Brad's employer, the Myer department store chain, was also quite miffed, and promised to "review" its massive corporate sponsorship of the affair for the future.

The Miss Australia Company noted that its application form specifies "young women." However, apparently there has been some past participation by males, although Rodgers is the first to have won the Victoria state title.

The Spastic Society of Victoria holds two seats on the Board of Directors of the Miss Australia Company, and intends to argue its case at the next Board meeting. However, that's probably too late to change the actual awards event on Feb. 8. Ironically, Australia's candidate for Miss Universe, Sandra Watkins, has also been disqualified from the final competition, but on marital status rather than gender grounds: she's been married and divorced.

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Plain Speaking

By LARRY LINGLE

Many moons ago I swore never to seriously discuss religion again and I stand behind that disavowal even now, seriously. Not that I consider religion or anyone's faith as a laughing matter, but a recent news story captured my attention for the lengths of absurdity to which some people will resort.

First of all, I don't know the origin of this custom of firing off guns to mark the New Year. I assume it came about from some perverse creature within the National Rifle Association. In any case, this past holiday a young father accidentally killed his 7-year-old daughter while trying to clear his jammed pistol. Truly a devastating accident, nonetheless coming from purely stupid ignorance. But then the father, shedding bounteous tears, proclaimed that "God had a hand in this. He had to. It was like God called my baby home to be with him ... and God used me as a tool to bring her to him."

How that will wash in a court of law is one matter, however, it clearly defines the chief purpose of organized religion—which is to provide answers to the unanswerable. When early civilizations ran across a problem with no solution, a head man or priest thought up an answer, proclaimed divine inspiration and called on the faithful to have faith.

Stupidly, I did get into a religious discussion recently when an attorney I had hired for his libel prowess, not his sexual orientation, decided to share his born-again faith. While he had a fine legal mind which could pursue the intricacies of case law, in matters of religion he had only the tired standby—faith. When all else fails cite "faith." Faith is divinely instilled in a person's heart and is not subject to examination and cannot be successfully challenged.

In the case of the aforementioned father, his logic eases his conscience and rationalized the inexplicable. One of my fellow columnists in this paper last week shared with us his born-again experience and I do not for a moment question his sincerity. I applaud that his God intends for him to be a "great leader" and apparently has plans for publishing his book.

On the one hand, while his planning to share his love and recovery, on the other, he apparently rushes forward for a return to his happier days with a "buff body," dancing in the bars and openly soliciting all those "hunky men" out there for a relationship. I say go for it Glen, but must you sound like Jerry Falwell in the process.

I've always thought the term "blind faith" summed it up rather well. To have faith one must be blind to reality to a greater or lesser extent. Recently someone divined the image of the Virgin Mary in the discoloration of a bank window and before you could say defective pane, the multitudes were camped on the bank's steps crying for miracles. It somehow seems appropriate that "blind faith" would bow before the pillars of American banking hoping for

help.

Not to be overlooked is the coffee shop where obviously a person of faith spied the image of Mother Teresa in a cinnamon roll. Now that lofty roll is ensconced in a velvet box under ghostly light. The shop owner is even considering taking the divine roll on the road.

At the risk of being sacrilegious, I recall some time ago, while viewing—for business purposes—one of the tapes so popular at my store, I swore I saw the image of Moses formed in the product of one young man's response to less than divine intervention from behind. The ramifications are endless. Not only could the film gain in popularity—and rentals, to say nothing of purchases—but the performer in question, as its originator, is endowed with a certain virtuous quality.

Like the Promise Keepers, I can envision hosting a great gathering at the George R. Brown. I even know just the person to organize such a lavish display—I know he's still around despite his recent fiasco at the same venue. The original performer, now elevated Divine Ejaculator, could attempt re enactments. And I have faith that the faithful will see what they want to see.

Now from all this I would not ask for anything for myself, except perhaps a booming business, perhaps a management contract with the Divine Ejaculator, and perhaps a cut of the gate at all events. Well, maybe book rights would also be appropriate.

I do not mean to make light of anyone's faith. If it eases that father through the pain of his trial, if Glen's rebirth lessens the ravages of AIDS, then all's well and good. I, for one, have never been able to replace understanding with blind faith. I do not believe that my mother had to die from years of smoking because somehow that was God's plan. I do not believe that my lover, Bill, had to die from the complications of AIDS because it was God's will or retribution.

My mother, whose strength exceeded those around her, accepted her responsibility for her smoking and did not go forth into the night cursing either the tobacco companies or her God. Bill accepted early in the epidemic that his actions put him at risk and was not surprised or overwhelmed when first tested more than a decade ago.

I've often said I lost the faith of my fathers when that particular religion interfered in politics. But, more realistically, I'm not sure I can recall a time in which, even as a young boy, I truly accepted on faith that which I could not otherwise comprehend. This in itself, is perhaps more a curse than a blessing. I often envy those whose faith allows them to defy logic and reason. Somewhere along the road through my childhood, perhaps rooted in my long-held feelings of being different, I felt the need for answers. But only answers which stood the test of logic and reason, not pacifiers of childlike minds.

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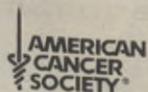
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The Musings of a Lesbian Film Icon

By STEPHEN SCHAEFER

New York (Reuter)—Catherine Deneuve may be an enduring icon of international glamour but don't presume that means her life belongs between pages. She's no Brigitte Bardot, she will have you know.

Deneuve was dismissive when asked by Reuters if she would ever write her memoirs. And she was horrified at last summer's autobiography by Bardot, the '50s French sex siren turned animal rights activist.

"I read the Bardot book and I find it so flat and very harsh. I wouldn't presume to do a psychological study," Deneuve said, looking more like a psychologist herself than the epitome of film glamour in a black and gray suit and large, red-frame glasses.

"(Bardot) had a very tough childhood with a strict education. She never liked doing films and retired very young. Her career had not very many interesting films," Deneuve said of the pouty icon best known for the bosom-baring "And God Created Woman" and "Viva Maria!"

"(Bardot) retired without having done important films. And then to close yourself up in a house with animals and see the world through that! It's very limited. You stop living at 40. It's a limited life if you don't retire to a convent."

If Deneuve sounds harsh in her judgment of Bardot, the "flat" memoirs of the busty star nevertheless made an impression on her. "I don't mean it changed my

mind about writing a memoir but it made me a little cooler (to the idea)," she said.

Memoirs Baring Private Life 'So Cheap'

"What people expect in memoirs of an actress is not what I'd be interested in: My private life. That's all people want to know—and I find that so cheap," she added with obvious irritation.

Deneuve's story as a liberated woman whose children resulted from liaisons with director Roger Vadim and (the late) Italian screen star Marcello Mastroianni, and who married British photographer David Bailey at the height of the Swinging '60s-Mod England mania, has already been told and retold. Her film career encompasses several "important" films by some of the century's greatest directors.

Sipping a cappuccino in the coffee shop of the midtown hotel where she was staying, she seemed intrigued by the idea of writing her autobiography—but turned off by having to satisfy a publisher's gossip quotient. "I don't know if there is a way to talk about what you've done and who you've known that aren't things you'd read in gossip magazines. I'm not interested, even as a reader," she said.

Her thoughts returned to the unhappy Bardot. "To read the memoirs of a woman who's sixty years old and in that style! It's very hard. Human beings are not her kind. She's so misanthropic."

Deneuve, of course, makes humanistic films that are internationally successful, like "Indochine," which won her a Best Actress Academy Award nomination three years ago, and last year's "Ma Saison Preferée" (My Favourite Season).

Asked if she had ever considered retiring like Bardot and Greta Garbo before her, rather than aging on film for the world to see and remember, Deneuve, who is 53, replied: "At one time I was quite depressed, I don't remember why exactly. I was shooting a film with Yves Montand and I was in a 'bad' period. It didn't last long but for the first time I was considering to stop."

Americans Obsessed With Youth

Deneuve, who lives in Paris, is happy she works mostly in Europe. "Here in the States there's an obsession with age and youth, it's quite scary. It's easier to grow older there. You can feel it, you see it in the magazines: There's still an attraction of women over 45. They're still very attractive."

Deneuve's latest film, "Thieves" (Les Voleurs), shares that assessment, even though its semi-documentary visual style is "quite hard, the characters are not that good-looking," she said, adding that it had scads of sex even though it is quite ambitious and quite serious.

Deneuve plays a professor who discovers, after being married and having

become a mother, that she is in love with a young woman (Laurence Cote). Daniel Auteuil, her co-star in "Ma Saison Preferée," is again her leading man but this time they are not brother and sister but rivals for the young woman's affection.

Deneuve shares a bathtub with the girl. "It's as if it is a love scene between two people who love each other," she said. "You feel the relationship, not from kissing and making love (but) because it's what it says about their characters, what they bring to each other, which is quite soft and tender."

Reven in her fifties, Deneuve was not worried about a discreetly photographed nude scene. "It was a good idea. The bathtub is very intimate and it's better than a love scene in a bed, so I agreed with that."

This is the third time Deneuve has played a lesbian. The first was an obscure French film in the late '70s. The second, 1983's erotic vampire thriller "The Hunger" with Susan Sarandon and David Bowie, won her an enduring lesbian fan base.

Now lesbianism has been on the cover of Newsweek as a hot trend, a situation that dismays the actress. "I'm worried it's becoming something fashionable, as if being bisexual was a plus more than anything," she said.

"To accept the fact that in a woman and a man there's a masculine side and a feminine side is fine. Maybe today it's easier to accept the fact that a woman and a man are together. And yet, it's still more disturbing for a man to be with a man."

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Celebrate '97

By LEE DAVIS

Celebrate 97! New Year's Eve Hollywood Style welcomed the new year in grand style at the Wyndham Warwick Hotel. The event, co-hosted by Bering Community Service Foundation and the Bayou City Boys Club, was the fourth annual community New Year's Eve party celebrated in this location by these hosts. Each year the party has treated guests to a magical evening of celebration. The Warwick Hotel has proven to be a gracious host for the event, and enjoys the opportunity to cater to the gay and lesbian community.

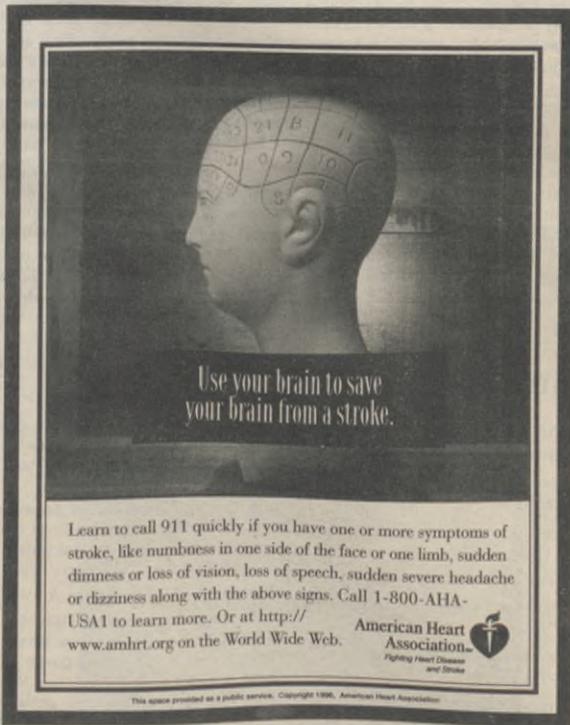
Of the 750 revelers, 250 chose the reservation only seated dinner in the Penthouse Ballroom that included open bar, a delicious gourmet four-course dinner, and fantastic Hollywood-style entertainment. The dazzling show, coordinated by committee members Gilbert J. Perez and Craig Montgomery, included performances by Miss Camp America foundation, Bering & Friends, and Halloween Magic Players. Tony Pryor played concert-quality piano for the dinner, then MCA's Pat Petty appeared as a glamorous Elizabeth Taylor to MC the show. After the dinner and show, these guests joined the other guests for the main party, which took over the entire lobby level. Bering & Friends filled the cabaret with sensational sounds, while the DJ spun dance hits in the main ballroom and blackjack dealers hosted "gamblers" at the casino tables. The party lasted into the early hours of the morning. Many partiers opted to stay at the Warwick to enjoy beautiful rooms and suites at special low rates.

The party was launched four years ago by Bering's Development Director, Stacie Cokinos, to provide a special venue for Bering to thank the gay and lesbian community for their devoted support of Bering and HIV/AIDS community. New Year's Eve, having no community event in place, became the perfect

opportunity. The Warwick was selected because of its elegance, location and service to the community. According to Cokinos, "Hosting a special thank-you party for the community has always been Bering's primary goal with this event, it is a secondary benefit that is a successful fundraiser, too." Bayou City Boys Club (BCBC) was incorporated that same year and teamed with Bering to co-host the party. Current BCBC President, Matt Krol, who co-chaired this year's event, said "it is a privilege and honor to associate with Bering to present this event to the community and raise funds for Bering." BCBC produces two other parties during the year, Jungle Lust in April and Hurricane in August, which raise funds for other HIV/AIDS service providers. In its four years, the New Year's Eve event has netted a total of \$100,000, some of which was shared with The Assistance Fund and Houston Clinical Research Network.

This year's corporate underwriters and in-kind donors deserve a special thanks: Absolut Vodka, Al's Formal Wear, Basic Brothers, Clear Lake Flowers, Continental Airlines, Custom Valet Cleaners, House of Coleman, Inklings, International Mailing, Laws Printing, The Market, MacWilliams Lichtenstein Karpas Properties, and The Spencer Company. Several individuals also made generous donations to the event. These donors, along with a sensational Steering Committee, made for a successful event. Plans are already underway for next year's event.

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C O L U M N I S T

By DAVID BIANCO

What Was The Council On Religion And The Homo- sexual?

In 1964, four years before the first last-
ing gay church was founded, a group of lib-
eral Protestant ministers—mostly
heterosexual—began to advocate for
gay and lesbian rights in San Francisco
and elsewhere. This group of passion-
ate, courageous men and women, known
as the Council on Religion and the
Homosexual, played a key role in under-
mining the previously monolithic
attitude of organized religion in Amer-
ica toward gays and lesbians.

The central figure in the founding of the
council was Ted McIlvenna, a young
Kansas City minister and social worker
who was brought to San Francisco in 1962
by the legendary Rev. A. Cecil Wil-
liams, of Glide Memorial Methodist
Church. Williams, well-known for his
civil rights activism, charged McIl-
venna with ministering to the large
runaway youth population of the Ten-
derloin district in which Glide was
located. McIlvenna soon realized that
issues of gay identity were paramount
in the troubles of the young people to
whom he reached out, and asked for help
from the spectrum of homophile orga-
nizations then in operation in San Fran-
cisco. Some protested that they couldn't
deal with anyone under the age of 21, and
others refused to work with organized
religion. But eventually McIlvenna
learned of the difficulties and dis-
crimination faced by San Francisco's
gay and lesbian residents—and he
began to share what he learned with other
ministers.

In May 1964, a group of 16 ministers from
a variety of denominations and cities
met with gays and lesbians in the Bay
Area, toured gay bars and cruising spots,
and learned all about homosexuality.
In the context of the tumultuous 1960s,
in which liberal Protestantism was
expanding its role in civil rights and the
social gospel, ministering to gays and
lesbians with an open mind was seen as a
logical next step. In Dec. 1964, a group
of these ministers joined with homo-
phile leaders to form the Council on
Religion and the Homosexual, which
would work to change attitudes toward
gays and lesbians among religious
individuals and groups.

As its first public event, the CRH planned
a New Year's Eve costume ball, designed
to raise funds for its future operations.
Unseasoned by the gay and lesbian com-
munity's history of police harassment,
the ministers involved with planning
the event met twice with the San Fran-
cisco Police to extract assurances that
the ball would be unmolested by law
enforcement. The gay and lesbian co-
planners, taken aback by the fact that the

police now knew when and where the event
would take place, took steps to prepare
the party-goers for a possible police
raid, which the ministers assured them
would not happen. The ministers were
wrong.

The night of the ball, the police were out in
full force, shocking the ministers with
their blatant harassment of the party-
goers. One police officer even told a
clergyman who attended the ball,
"We'll uphold God's laws if you won't."
All 600 party-goers (many of whom were
in full drag or other costumes) were pho-
tographed and filmed, police entered the
hall several times to "inspect the prem-
ises," and four of the organizers were
arrested.

The event marked the first time many of the
clergy involved with the CRH really
understood the extent of the harassment
faced by gays and lesbians. Having wit-
nessed what one minister called
"intimidation, broken promises, and
obvious hostility" to the party-goers,
many CRH members began to see the
political aspects of what they had pre-
viously seen as a religious issue. They
began their response by holding a press
conference at Glide on Jan. 2, in which
they described what they had seen and
attacked the police's tactics. Sympa-
thetic press coverage and pressure on
elected officials led directly to a reduc-
tion in anti-gay harassment by the San
Francisco police.

The New Year's Eve ball has often been
described as a turning point in the matu-
ration of San Francisco's gay and les-
bian community—which it was. But it
also led to an intensification of work
on behalf of gays and lesbians by the
mostly straight clergy who helped orga-
nize the ball in the first place. The CRH
in San Francisco helped organize elec-
tion forums in which candidates for pub-
lic office had to answer questions about
the treatment of gays and lesbians in the
city. They also helped set up a 24-hour
hotline to assist victims of police brut-
ality. Perhaps more importantly, they
helped organize similar councils in
other cities such as Los Angeles, Seat-
tle, and Dallas—and began to advocate
for theological and policy changes
within their own Protestant denomina-
tions as well. By the time Metropol-
itan Community Church (the first last-
ing gay church) was founded in 1968,
strong voices for compassion and tol-
erance had already been heard within
most mainline Protestant denomina-
tions, and primarily from heterosex-
uals like the clergy who organized the
CRH.

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Food for Thought

By HONEY VAN CAMPE
ARTICHOKE BALLS

1 large can Artichoke Hearts, drained and
finely chopped

4 toes Garlic, minced

6 tbsp. Olive Oil

1 cup seasoned Bread Crumbs

1 tsp. Parmesan Cheese + 1/2 cup for
"crust"

1 tsp. Romano Cheese + 1/2 cup for "crust"
2 raw Eggs

Drain artichokes well and chop finely.
Saute artichokes and garlic in olive oil for
about three minutes. Add bread crumbs, tsp.

cheeses, and cook for another minute.
Remove from heat. Whisk raw eggs. Stirring
quickly and constantly, turn eggs into arti-
choke mixture.

Mix together 1/2 cup each of parmesan and
romano cheeses; form artichoke mixture
into small balls, then roll the balls in this
cheese mixture. Chill until firm.

Submitted by Miss Claire A. Vuoyant
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By LEE DAVIS

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Fund-Raiser Successes

Throughout last weekend, several fund-raisers were held benefiting various organizations. On Friday, Candidate for Empress XIII of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston (RSICSS) Jennifer Ellsworth held a benefit at Venture-N for Colt 45s Stone Soup. Jennifer's show "Love Sweats" raised over \$200 in cash and over \$400 in toiletries.

On Saturday, Candidate for Emperor XIII of RSICSS Steve Chaisson hosted "The Gay 90s Are Still Going" at Chances benefiting Breast Cancer Awareness in memory of Marion Panzer. Steve's show netted over \$400 for this worthy cause.

On Sunday at Gentry, Candidate for Emperor XIII of RSICSS Jerel McNeil hosted the "Red Beans & Rice Revue" benefiting Soiree Aubergine in their fund-raising efforts for the Bering Care Center. Jerel and his supporting cast pulled in \$641 for their efforts. Congratulations to all of these hard workers and thanks to the community for their contributions.

Works Of Chuck Deaton

Hyde Park Galleries at 711 Hyde Park currently has on display many works of Chuck Deaton, Artist. Although Chuck has made Houston his home for the past four years, he has lived most of his 34 years in the Dallas/Tyler area. After working in cramped quarters at his condo apartment, he obtained a small studio in a refurbished historical building in Tyler, which was dedicated to the performing and visual arts. It was there that Chuck really began to develop his style of "social critical realism."

Presently enrolled at the University of Houston as a Senior in the Art Department, Chuck has been very active in a plethora of art projects, classes and works. His present work at Hyde Park shows his diversity as an artist along with his maturation into a definable style. After viewing the diversity of his work, one would do a great injustice to this artist by trying to "paint him into a corner" of art style.

You may view Chuck's work at a special cocktail opening on Friday, Jan. 10 from 7 to 10pm, or cruise by the gallery from 12 to 6pm Sunday, Monday and Thursday or from 12 to 9pm Friday & Saturday.

Teachers Network

The Houston Chapter of The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7:30pm at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore.

In 1997, GLSTN will meet every 3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm. For updates, phone 713.529.4571. The Houston e-mail address is GLSTNHOU@AOL.COM; GLSTN National can be reached on the internet at www.GLSTN.ORG/RESPECT/.

Making schools safe for everyone—straight and gay—is the goal of GLSTN. All interested persons are invited to attend. Their address is P.O. Box 541871, Houston, Texas, 77254-541871.

Watercolor Contest

The Watercolor Art Society-Houston is holding their 20th international exhibition at Nations Bank, 2 Houston Center, May 25 thru June 20, 1997. Dan Burt is the Juror. Slide entry deadline is Jan. 31. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Watercolor Art Society, 1601 W. Alabama, Houston, Texas 77006 for a prospectus or call 942.9966.

The Greatest Of All Time

Muhammad Ali will meet and greet fans and sign autographs at the 11th Annual Tri-Star Collectors Show, Jan. 17-19 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. This blockbuster event will attract sports enthusiasts from across the southwest, who will come to meet and receive autographs from some of the biggest names in sports.

In addition to Ali, future Hall of Fame baseball player Eddie Murray will make a rare autograph appearance. Football Hall of Famer Jim Brown will also be on hand. Four-time Cy Young Award winner Steve Carlton and Deer Park native Andy Pettite who guided the New York Yankees to the World Series title will also be there!

Hours will be from 3-8pm Friday, Jan. 17, Saturday 10am to 6pm Jan. 18, and Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Make plans to be there as over 200 of the nation's premier dealers of sports collectibles and memorabilia, along with the nation's top phone card dealers, there will definitely be something for everyone.

Fathers First of Houston/ Gay Fathers

Fathers First of Houston, a support group for gay fathers, will have Michael Garrett, Attorney at Law, speak to the regular weekly meeting to be held on January 13. The meeting will be held at 8:00 pm in Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas, 77006. The topics to be covered include modification of divorce decrees and child support. For information call 861-6181.



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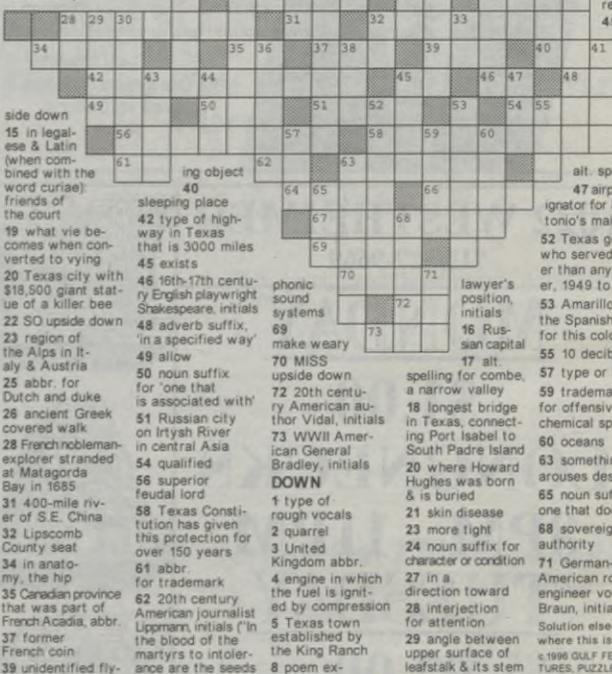
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- 20 Texas city with \$18,500 giant statue of a killer bee
- 22 SO upside down
- 23 region of the Alps in Italy & Austria
- 25 abbr. for Dutch and duke
- 26 ancient Greek covered walk
- 28 French nobleman-explorer stranded at Matagorda Bay in 1685
- 31 400-mile river of S.E. China
- 32 Lipscomb County seat
- 34 in anatomy, the hip
- 35 Canadian province that was part of French Acadia, abbr.
- 37 former French coin
- 39 unidentified fly-



- 10 short fiber combed from long fibers
- 13 overdose
- 14 usually dry stream bed
- 15 U.S. gov't top
- 16 Russian capital
- 17 alt. spelling
- 18 longest bridge in Texas, connecting Port Isabel to South Padre Island
- 20 where Howard Hughes was born & is buried
- 21 skin disease
- 23 more tight
- 24 noun suffix for character or condition
- 27 in a direction toward
- 28 interjection for attention
- 29 angle between upper surface of leafstalk & its stem
- 30 most sane
- 32 half of a lulu
- 33 vacation spot, northern Calif. city founded as Yerba Buena, initials
- 36 drinking tube
- 38 original equipment manufacturer abbr.
- 41 gave a new color to 43 MUTT in a mirror
- 44 female ruff (European freshwater fish), also called a reeve
- 45 icon

- of unbelief,")
- 63 last part
- 64 capital of Ukraine
- 66 clothe
- 67 stereo-
- pressing grief
- 38 original equipment manufacturer abbr.
- 41 gave a new color to 43 MUTT in a mirror
- 44 female ruff (European freshwater fish), also called a reeve
- 45 icon
- alt. spelling
- 47 airport designator for San Antonio's main field
- 52 Texas governor who served longer than any other, 1949 to 1957
- 53 Amarillo is the Spanish word for this color
- 55 10 decibels
- 57 type or kind
- 59 trademark for offensive chemical spray
- 60 oceans
- 63 something that arouses desire
- 65 noun suffix, one that does
- 68 sovereign's authority
- 71 German-born American rocket engineer von Braun, initials
- Solution elsewhere this issue
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Is Your Partner Covered?

By DALE ENGLEFIELD

Q: My lover and I own the house we live in, but my name does not appear on the deed. Her insurance agent says that the only way I can be insured is to but a separate renter's insurance policy. Is this true?

A: Not necessarily. Some companies will allow you to add your name to your lover's policy.

This answer assumes you have a Texas Homeowners Policy Form B. (The insurance industry calls this an "HOB." Be aware there are four other contracts that insure homes in Texas. Coverages and rules are different for these other policies.) If your policy is not an HOB (though it probably is), nothing you're about to read applies. According to the Texas Insurance Code, you, your relatives, your kids and even someone else's kids (like your lover's) are all insured as long as they reside under your roof. Your lover, however, is not insured. Now that we know all of that, let's look at what your lover's agent suggested.

A Texas Homeowners Tenant Policy Form B (and HOBT), commonly called a renters policy, will cover you and all your belongings. The HOBT is a great contract because it's a lot of insurance for not very much money. In fact, it has all the same coverages as does a homeowners policy, except that it does not insure the building. In your case, though, you're wondering, "Why do we have to buy another homeowners policy when we already have one?" You don't.

The Code allows insurance companies to add endorsements to HOBs. (An endorsement is an amendment which changes your individual insurance contract to suit your personal needs.) You can add your name to your lover's policy by using an endorsement called "HO-301 Additional Insured." If you go this route, you will be insured just exactly as if you were to buy an HOBT or your name were on the deed, or the two of you were legally married. (By the way, HO-301 can be added to renters policies, too. You can even use it to add roommates to a policy.)

Typically, this endorsement will cost you about ten dollars per year per each person added to the policy. That's more economical than buying an HOBT.

But before you storm into your agent's office to demand that HO-301 be added to your policy, there are a few things you ought to know, and a few others you may want to consider.

Thing number one. Even though the Code allows insurance companies to use HO-301, the Texas Department of Insurance

does not require any company to offer it to any policyholder.

Two. Different companies have different rules. Whereas your company may offer HO-301 to unmarried couples, it may not allow using it to insure roommates. Then again, the insurer may agree to do business with unmarried couples only if they have known each other for a long time. Some companies will not offer the endorsement at all on renters policies.

Three. Expect to answer some personal questions. After all, you are asking a company to insure you for thousands of dollars in exchange for a few dollars a year. The insurer simply wants to know with whom it's doing business, and that's reasonable.

Four. It may not be a good idea to use HO-301 to add a roommate whom you have known for only a short time. This person will instantly have access to most of the coverages in your policy. Think about it!

Five. You cannot use HO-301 to add roomers or boarders to your policy. These individuals must have their own HOBT if they want coverage. (Because renters policies cover the landlord for damages caused by the tenant, some property owners require their tenants to purchase an HOBT.)

For your situation, a good plan of attack might be one like this:

1. Your lover's agent may not know the insurance company's rules for HO-301. Call the company before you approach your agent. Ask to speak with a "personal lines property underwriter." Be open, honest, and genuine when answering the underwriter's questions. Document the conversation.
2. If the underwriter cannot help you, find another insurance company.
3. If you liked what you heard from the underwriter, give your agent the underwriter's name along with the day, date, and time of that conversation. At this time you may even want to discuss transferring other policies you may have to this agent.
4. If the agent is unwilling to support the company's rules for HO-301, find another agent with the same company, or find another company.

Dale Englefield is an insurance professional and an agent with the Farmers Insurance Group of Companies. He specializes in personal insurance, small businesses, and estate conservation. You may direct questions to his office at 3501 West Alabama, Suite 204, Houston, TX 77027, (713)439-1700.

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The Rising Tide of Gay Franchisee's

The International Gay & Lesbian Franchise Association (IGLFA) announced this week the gay franchisee of the year—Jack Glenn of Hudson's Grill Restaurants (Hurst, Texas).

Thomas R. Cutler, President of the organization and editor of Franchise Wise, the quarterly news journal of IGLFA, explained the criteria for selection. "IGLFA evaluated the members of the organizations who had purchased and operated a franchise for at least six months of 1996 and demonstrated the greatest commitment to excellence, professionalism, ethics, and a great attitude."

Mr. Glenn was honored by the award and hoped to have even greater involvement with the gay community interested in franchising in

1997. Due to Mr. Glenn's efforts, IGLFA has proudly provided Hudson's Grill with more than 100 franchisee referrals in the last sixty days. IGJFA may be reached at 602-949-7848.

In addition, the group announced the twenty-four most gay-friendly franchises in North America this week. Thomas R. Cutler, President of the organization and editor of Franchise Wise, the quarterly news journal of IGLFA, explained the ranking criteria:

- * gay-owned or gay-management
- * gay franchisee's already recruited
- * written policy of inclusion and non-discrimination based on sexual orientation
- * working with IGLFA to pro-actively gain franchisee's from the gay community

By LEE DAVIS

Women's Football

The Houston Women's Flag Football League (HWFFL) continues season play on Saturday, Jan. 11. Games are played at Wilson Elementary School, located on Fairview, between Mandell and Yupon. Four games are played beginning at 9am and continuing until 1pm. Players, referees, cheerleaders and coaches are still needed as the season continues with semi-finals on Jan. 25 and the Championship Game played on Feb. 1. Join the HWFFL at Ms. B's on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 4pm to see videos of recent games. Ms. B's is located on Buffalo Speedway. For info contact Tonya Medrano at 713.315.9368.

Gutter Balls

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports Division I Standings in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places are We Go There, Beat the Meat Again and Dog Tired. In Division II, Spank My Feet, Snow White & Black Bites, and Thirsty Wives Club occupy the top spots. High Scratch game of 266 and series of 716 was bowled by Ralph Sikes. High Handicapped Game was bowled by Brian Bergeron and Series by Rene Rodriguez. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 9pm on Monday. Call Tom at 522-9612.

The Inner Loop Sunday Evening League reports standings are Please Don't Eat the Daisy in 1st, We Go There Too in 2nd and Have Mercy in 3rd. High Scratch Game of 268 and Series of 665 was bowled by Don Burken for the men. Don also bowled High Handicapped Game while High Handicapped Series was bowled by Brian Bergeron. For the women Diann Thomason bowled High Scratch Game of 222 and series of 577. Nancy Wintle bowled High Handicapped Game and Lynette Ross Series. For more info call Tom at 522-9612. Bowling is at Palace Lanes at 7pm on Sunday.

The Wednesday Night Mixers reports Gutter Bumper in 1st with Party Line in 2nd and Charley's Tunas in 3rd. For the men High Scratch Game of 235 and Series of 561 was bowled by Roger Crowder for the men. Roger also bowled High Handicapped Game and Series. For the women Terry Shannon bowled High Scratch Game of 191 and Series of 522. Pat Decarlo bowled High Handicapped Game and Series. Call Tom at 522-9612. Bowling is at AMF Southway at 6:30 on Wednesday.

The Monday Night Women's League bowls at 6:15pm at AMF Southway on Mondays. Balls R Out is in 1st with Bitches in Beautiful Shirts in 2nd, Sappho Strikers in 3rd and TAZ Club in 4th. For more info call Pat at 437-6218.

Volley Volunteers

The Lone Star Volleyball Classic IX is still looking for volunteers for their tournament to be held Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29. Volunteers are needed to distribute welcome packets, register players, house players, assist at the gyms, show the city, etc.

If you are interested, please leave a message on the Lone Star Volleyball Association's 24 hour voice mail at 713.878.4629.

Hog Eats

The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) is having their monthly breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 9am. Toopee's Coffee Shop at 1830 W. Alabama is the place to be. There are usually 12-25 persons attending the breakfast.

If you would like info on HOG, call their hotline at "KAMPOUT" or write to them at P O Box 980893 in Houston, 77098.

Let's Fish

The Rainbow Fishing Club will hold their next outing on Sunday, Jan. 19 on the Texsun II. The 12-hour trip on the 70-foot deluxe cruiser costs \$60 per person and the boat travels 40 to 80 miles into the Gulf of Mexico. All fishing tackle is provided. Call the club at 713.523.6381 for reservations for the trip or to get on the free mailing list.

Softball Volunteers

The Montrose Softball League is still seeking volunteers to assist with their "Lone Star Classic" Softball Tournament to be held on Easter weekend, March 28-30, 1997. Help is needed with concessions, first aid, hospitality, security and many other areas. There is no softball experience necessary to volunteer for the event. If you would like to meet people from all across the U.S. and Canada, please call their hotline at 713.867.3913 and leave your name and phone number. They will get back to you in a hurry!

Lambda Rollerskating Event

Wednesday, January 15, the Skate Club will be having a Flashlight Skate. The first 50 people will receive a free flashlight. The club skates at the Starlite Skating Academy, located at the corner of Beechnut and Cook Road. Skating is every Wednesday night, 8:00 - 10:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00 and skate rental is \$1.50. You may bring your own skates and inlines are welcome. For more information, contact the info line at 787-0625, or e-mail lrsc@neosoft.com.



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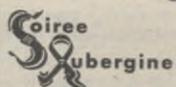


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AFH continued...

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and it is our goal to concentrate on the HOPE surrounding this disease. Therefore, we have focused our attention on a number of art resources in the community, especially with the involvement of children within the community."

To help bring this project entitled *The Living Wall* to fruition, Houston artist Joseph Culotta has volunteered his services and time needed to make the Wall a reality. In addition, Mr. Culotta has engaged SAX Arts and Crafts Co. to provide all of the paint, brushes and canvases for the Wall. Schools and Art Programs have donated time and a lot of turpentine for cleanups. The Art League of Houston, Bellaire High School, Benavides Elementary, Creative Alternatives, Glassell School, Gulfton Project, HSPVA, Highpoint Middle School, Hogg Middle School and Jackson Middle School are just a few of the contributors. At JAGS, participants will have an opportunity to finish the work in progress that evening. Once completed, the mural will be auctioned to area businesses for display in the community. All proceeds will go directly to the Foundation.

Kimberly Gremillion, partner in Gremillion Galleries; Evan Thayer, owner of Evan Thayer Studios; and Jim Olive have graciously agreed to participate in a joint photographic exhibition that will be displayed

played on the evening of the Gala. Kimberly will concentrate on the physical facilities that AFH operates: Stone Soup, Beecher-Wilson, Fairway West, and the location of AFH's proposed downtown "Friendly Haven" complex. This will allow the participants of the evening's event to see how far AFH reaches and what they sustain through grants and fund-raising efforts. Evan Thayer will illustrate the broad spectrum of our community including staff, clients, volunteers and Board members. Jim Olive, owner of Jim Olive Photography, will be displaying photos from the new AFH corporate package. Jim has kindly donated a number of photo essays that will be illustrated in the corporate package and exhibited at the Gala.

AFH, located at 3202 Wesleyan Annex, is a non-profit 501(c)3 community-based organization which is a direct provider of resources for HIV/AIDS services and information. AFH is committed to improving the quality of life in the greater Houston community through HIV/AIDS education, healthcare, social services and volunteerism. AFH works in collaboration with other AIDS service organizations and community based groups to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS infection, and to support people infected and affected with HIV/AIDS. For information regarding AFH and/or "In Your Ear and Off The Wall" call 623-6796.

Police Chief continued...

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even ask...in the recruiting process, we don't care if the people advise us...it has no impact...We don't solicit it," intoned Bradford.

Bradford does not believe that sexual orientation is a detriment to being a police officer, nor does he believe it's germane to the recruitment process or an officers position.

"I see that as completely irrelevant from a chief of police standpoint and those are the instructions that I've given [the recruitment office]. And, I have aggressively enforced that and I will continue to aggressively enforce that sexually orientation has nothing to do with the ability to do the job," he said.

Acknowledging that the Houston Police Department does have gay and lesbian officers on its staff, Bradford indicated it is not an issue. "I am convinced that we do have gay and lesbian officers on the Police Department. We have some that have acknowledged it and they do a good job. I don't see how it has impacted their performance...so, I don't see why my recruiting unit has business even getting into sexual orientation.

Interestingly, Bradford believes that the Police Department needs to keep the communities more informed as to their activities as a means to reduce the public's fear of Police Officers.

"We have to work on fear reduction," says Bradford, "by informing the citizens a little bit better than we have been."

"Keep in mind...it's one thing to go into a particular community and talk to the activist or speak to the purported activist in the community," said Bradford who indicated that [the activists] do not always represent everybody.

"We have to randomly choose residents that live [in the community] and any other business owners that just live there...and it gives you a broader input as to what is really desired and the flavor of the community out there."

Whether Bradford can see his vision come to fruition remains to be seen, however, he appears to be willing to work with all communities - no matter how diverse.

"I think you're going to find that I'm going to be a bit more of an open type of Police Chief, particularly from a community standpoint. I think that the media have a role to play in town and I'm going to do what I can to help them do what it needs to do. But at the same time, I'm going to try to preserve the integrity of investigations and other types of administrative matters. I also know that there's an obligation I have to share information, to the extent that I can, with the citizens of this community," says Bradford.

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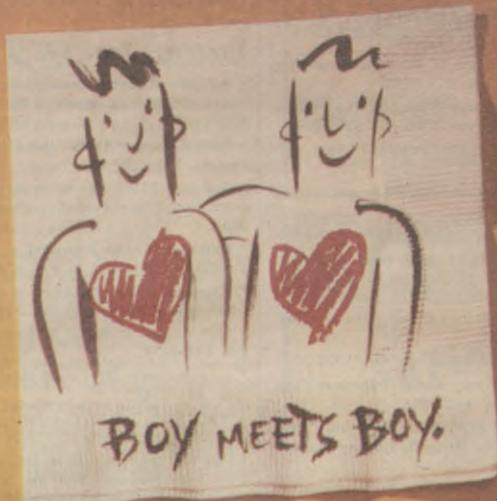
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Safety data were obtained from two additional sources in which large populations were vaccinated. In an outbreak setting in which 4,500 individuals were immunized with a single dose of either 720 ELU or 1440 ELU of Havrix, the vaccine was well tolerated and no serious adverse events due to vaccination were reported. Overall, less than 10% of vaccinees reported solicited general adverse events following the vaccine. The most common solicited local adverse event was pain at the injection site, reported in 22.3% of subjects at 24 hours and decreasing to 2.4% by 72 hours.

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has established the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) to accept reports of suspected adverse events after the administration of any vaccine, including but not limited to the reporting of events required by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. The toll-free number for VAERS forms and information is 1-800-827-7867.

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Friday, Jan. 10

- * Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 782-6066.
- * HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817
- * HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- * 12-step program at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 pm. 537-1348.
- * Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 pm. 528-SAFE.
- * AIDS Mastery workshop starts. 861-6453.
- * Houston Professional Men's Association meets at 7:00 pm at El Felix (904 Westheimer). 869-4543.
- * Houston Outdoor Group goes camping. 266-5510.
- * Free Spay and Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337.
- * "Don't Dress for Dinner," opens at Theater Southwest. 661-9505.
- * "First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image" at the Houston Library-Central. 236-1313.
- * GAYS (Garden and Yard Society) meets at 7:00 pm. 661-6378.

Saturday, Jan. 11

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. 863-1860.
- * After Hours on KPFT 12:00 am to 3:00 am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- * Gulf Coast Transgender support group meets. 780-4282.
- * Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30 pm. 528-SAFE.
- * Visual Art Alliance meets at 10:00 am. 583-8408.
- * Autumn's Seasons Bondage Club discussion group at 10:30 am. 788-5593.
- * AssistsHers meets. 522-9445.
- * Elections for the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Open to all. Voting at the Houston Voice office, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105. 529-8490.
- * "Space Days" at Moody Gardens. Meet astronaut Shannon Lucid and astronaut trainer Randy Lemmon. (409) 744-1745.
- * Artist Reception at the Archway Gallery at 5:00 pm. 522-2409.

Sunday, Jan. 12

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 863-1860.
- * The Women's Group meets at 10:45 am. 529-8571.
- * FrontRunners meet at 9:00 am at the Tennis center in Memorial Park. 522-8021.
- * HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- * Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. 522-9612.
- * Sisters meet. 520-2060.
- * Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Family Activity Day. 284-4939.

Monday, Jan. 13

- * Free HIV Testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8:00 pm. 861-6181.
- * Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7:00 pm. 529-1223.
- * Positive Living Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:15 pm. 539-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Women and HIV/AIDS Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 pm. 529-0037.
- * Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15 pm. 529-0037.
- * Lesbian Survivors of Cancer and their care givers at Montrose Counseling Cen-

- ter. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Men's HIV Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- * HeartSong meets. 541-3495.
- * \$2 off haircuts and free beer (5:00 pm to 8:00 pm) at Four Star Productions. 524-7785.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

- * Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8:00 pm. 495-8009.
- * Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- * Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7:00 pm. 488-4492.
- * Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- * PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7:00 pm. 520-7870.
- * Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Club Body Houston. 8:00 pm. 520-2083.
- * Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30 pm. 778-2677.
- * FrontRunners meet at 6:30 pm. 522-8021.
- * Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- * Lesbian Health Initiative meets at Inklings. 526-7828.
- * Free Spay and Neuter Assistance (SNAP) available. 522-2337.
- * The Colt 45's monthly meeting at the Brazos River Bottom at 8:00 pm.
- * Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents meet. 284-4939.
- * "The African American Church and Community History" at the Houston Public Library-Central. 236-1313.
- * Introduction to Quickbooks v4.0 at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 class 9977.
- * Basics of Casino Gambling at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 class 8620.
- * Public Speaking for the Chicken-Hearted at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 class 6412.
- * Biography-People Talking About Books About People at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 class 6211.
- * Successfully Growing Orchids in Houston at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 class 1205.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at Mary's. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 10:30 pm. 537-1348.
- * Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- * GLOBAL meets at 4:00 pm. 743-7539.
- * Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopees at 7:00 pm. 867-9581.
- * Men's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Houston Tennis Club meets at 7:15 pm. 537-1348.
- * Lambda Rollerskating Club skate at 8:00 pm. 933-5818.
- * Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250 for more info.
- * Living with Chronic Pain at Montrose Counseling Center. 9:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Women's Issues Process Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.

- * HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7:00 pm. 782-4050.
- * Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Call 520-2000.
- * AVES offers free HIV testing from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- * Lesbian/Bisexual Survivors at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30 pm. 529-0037.
- * Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.
- * Free Spay and Neuter Assistance (SNAP) available. 522-2337.
- * "Around the World in Eighty Days" opens at the Galveston Grand 1894 Opera House. (409) 765-1894.
- * "Borders and Identity" at the Houston Public Library-Central. 236-1313.
- * Basic Calligraphy-The Italic Alphabet at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 class 1750.
- * Basic Self-Hypnosis at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 class 5820.
- * Stress Relief Through Mantra Meditation at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 class 5865.
- * Taking the Mystery Out of Saltwater Aquariums at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 class 0960.

Thursday, Jan. 16

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Venture-N from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Art Labs at The Art League at 1:00 pm. 225-9411
- * Front Runners meet at Memorial Park at 6:30 pm. 522-8021.
- * Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7:00 pm. 521-7464.
- * Twentysomething meets at 7:30 pm. 315-6786.
- * KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices airs from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. 866-6505.
- * Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. 622-7250.
- * Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8:00 pm. 528-3704.
- * HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15 pm. 529-0037.
- * Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7:00 pm. 942-0923.
- * HIV Affected at CASA. 7:00 pm. 796-2272.
- * Men's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 pm. 529-0037.
- * HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7:00 pm. 782-4050
- * Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30 pm. 738-RACE.
- * Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7:00 pm. 521-SING.
- * The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- * The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program offers low cost services. 522-2337.
- * "Hidden Secrets of Rubber: Ancient Native American Toys and Modern Space Suits" at the Houston Public Library-Central. 236-1313.
- * Alternative Health Methods at the Montrose Library. 520-5487.
- * New or Used: Successful Car Buying Made Easy at Leisure Learning Unlimited. 877-1981 Class 9700.
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A Hair Piece

By DAVID RICHARDSON

Recently, the pleasure was given of speaking with four of the members of 'Hair,' the hit musical that has been touring the country (and soon Broadway) in an intimate interview. The members of "tribe" as they like to be called included Director Derrick Morgan as well as Nathan Ebenroth (Steve), Matt Vesic (Pig Pen, Hubert), and Ben Resman (Paul, Soul Man). These young men currently ensconced at Galveston's Outdoor Theatre had interesting things to say to the *Houston Voice* reader's about their show, their views and their personal lives. The following is an excerpt from that interview:

HV: Hello and how are you? I'd like to thank you for coming out today and to start off by asking you what exactly led you to pick this particular show? It's not done maybe as often as some of the other conventional shows. Why this one and why now?

Derrick: Well, I first started doing this show in 1993 and then when I got to Fullerton, we did it again. At this time Michael Butler (original Broadway Producer) found out about it through the internet and came out and saw us. He was looking for a show to mount in Chicago for the Democratic National Convention. He looked all over the country and called us in Fullerton and brought us out to Chicago for eight weeks. So I personally have been with the show for three years now. This is my fourth tribe. Then we went with Matt Vesic of Stage Fright Productions in Bloomington, Illinois and did the show there. Then Empire Productions group asked us to bring the show here, and here we are.

HV: Now, when you say a "tribe," I've read about that in my notes, but just for the readers, what would you define a tribe as?

Tribe: It's a family. In Native American culture it's the group that is dependent on for everything. That does mean "everything" such as love and support. You lean on them.

HV: So the cast in effect is functioning as a family unit then?

Tribe: Yes, that's why we say tribe. A cast is what the producers try to call us.

HV: How large-of a tribe are you looking at for this particular show?

Derrick: For this show, we are looking at 25. But we can have up to 60 people. It is a very structured show however, despite the large cast. It may appear somewhat disjointed though, since the action is taking place in the character Claude's mind, but it does flow. Anybody's mind is like that. If I was to get into your mind for example, I may not understand what's going on—but it does flow.

HV: If you were to get into mind, you'd be

lost in a wasteland (laughter ensues). What would you say that the main message of the show is?

Derrick: The message is peace, love, and freedom. It's all about self determination.

HV: Do you think that is the reason the show has been gaining momentum for years?

Tribe: The reason why the show is still going strong today is because that people today are without natural affection. That's what the tribe is all about. We have a natural affection for one another. I think that people have a desire to touch and feel, mold and get close to each other, they just aren't given that opportunity anymore.

HV: Touchy subject here. I read a somewhere that the Vietnam issue is touched on somewhat in the show. Do you have any personal feelings on Vietnam?

Derrick: I know we had no business being there. It's all about the government and their position of imposing on our rights. If they are not here to protect us, we have to protect ourselves. I think that people should be able to communicate, intermarry or whatever it is they want to do.

HV: Would you say that most of the people who are in the tribe are "hippies"?

Tribe: Yes, maybe not so much outwardly, but we all have a spirit. The 90s are a culmination of a new age and we are trying to revive a spirit that some people tried to put down years ago.

HV: The music in Hair must be very powerful as it has spawned numerous hits.

Derrick: The music is very powerful and we have a lot of great voices in the tribe. It kind of moves the audience.

HV: Where do you see this show going five or ten years from now?

Derrick: Michael Butler will be here on the 30th and the 31st. Also James Rado (lyricist) is heavily involved, so we see the show picking up speed. It will easily run for many more years.

HV: If you wanted to say one thing to our readers, what would it be?

Tribe: Listen to the lyrics. Think about what we are trying to say because there is so much meaning in every word. Also, that we need to realize that we need to hold each other more, be more patient with each other. We need to change and the message is for positive change. We need to celebrate life. Our show is that celebration.

HV: What will you do when this show concludes it's Houston run? Where is the next stop on the route?

Derrick: San Francisco, which should be hot. Then, possibly, South America.

HV: Well thank you all for coming out and talking with us today.

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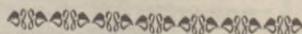


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The Circle of Life

By LARRY GARRETT

When you first test positive for the HIV virus most people go through a myriad of emotions from shock, fear, anger, and disbelief. It is a difficult thing to be told that your body contains a potentially fatal virus—especially when you're young and working hard on establishing your life and your career.

Back in May of 1989, I took my first test on a whim at the Westheimer Arts Festival (back when it was held in Montrose on lower Westheimer) at a booth set up by the Montrose Clinic. I was a member of the Colt 45's at the time and another member was working at the booth as a clinic volunteer. We wanted to set an example for the others to see...that testing was no big deal...simple and easy.

My then-partner, Wayne, and I were both tested and waited the week or so time it took for the results to come back in. On the day we arrived at the clinic to get our results, Wayne declared negative but my test result had not returned yet. So, I waited a couple more days and returned only to discover what every twenty-six-year-old does not want to hear, that I was HIV positive. At the time, this spelled almost imminent death. Self esteem, hope and almost all self-respect went right out the window with this diagnosis.

Looking back, I realize that since my diagnosis nearly eight years ago, I have been one of the lucky ones. When I discovered my HIV status I also learned that my T-Cell count was still over 400. Immediately, I began implementing all sorts of "good" things into my life, i.e. eating the right foods, considerably decreasing my alcohol consumption and getting plenty of rest.

Additionally, I enrolled in numerous drug programs in an attempt to try anything that might work to extend my life. In fact, I voraciously began to read and study medical journals for information on the virus. Sadly, in my case, most of the drugs available at the time did not work very well for me. I tried the whole gamut of mono-therapy Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors... AZT, DDI, DDC, 3TC, etc... without much success.

Then, the new protease inhibitors came out, Sasquinavir, Ritonavir, and Crixivan. I'm now taking a new experimental drug called Viracept, a protease inhibitor that I take along with Viramune (a new Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor drug) and 3TC. To date, my experience with this new drug combination has been the best. The great thing about it is that you MUST take it with food, unlike the other drugs that must be taken on an empty stomach and/or have difficult dosing schedules to follow. This new drug cocktail has caused me no nausea, no fatigue, and no side effects except a two week bout of diarrhea that I controlled with doses of Imodium AD tablets. However, even that unpleasant side effect has now all but vanished.

In addition to having advanced HIV

infection, I have been diagnosed with Kaposi's Sarcoma cancer. KS tends to be the dread of gay men everywhere because in a society such as ours where we value beauty over substance, KS brands us externally as sick. Many people who are HIV+ can and do pass as "normal and healthy" guys all the time in the bars. Now that I am on the path of recovery, I'm quite sure I could go into a bar and nobody would ever suspect I was ill.

In my own case, KS developed first as skin lesions that eventually grew into pulmonary (lung) KS. I had numerous rounds of radiation therapy that did not seem to do much good for me. Although I did later discover that radiation therapy in the facial area does cause one to develop cavities and other tooth related problems at a greatly accelerated rate.

Following that was "the dreaded" chemotherapy. I feared the idea of having to take chemotherapy. All I could think about were the many people I knew who had to have this treatment for "regular" cancer and after treatment were throwing up on one end and having massive diarrhea on the other. I saw the many faces of those who are now long gone. But, I had trust and faith in my doctor, Adan Rios at OnCol Medical Associates, and I consented to be admitted to the hospital to begin the treatments in June of 1996 for eight days. I had few options to consider.

You need to understand I have a somewhat irrational fear of needles and I have to be almost sedated before an IV line can be inserted into my arm because of prior problems that had included severe cases of Phlebitis, a painful inflammation of the veins in your arm that even strong pain medications like Dilaudid and Demerol do not control. I was given a combination of chemotherapy drugs called Taxol and Bleobycin.

Since my body quickly rejects IV needles, the doctor was forced to install a sub-clavicle line in my upper chest area. This procedure was both a blessing in some ways and a nightmare in others. Because of my horrible fear of needles and low tolerance for pain the doctors of 12 Oaks Hospital gave me a myriad of drugs... Dilaudid, Phenergan, Demerol, Atavan, and God knows what else to try and calm me down. It did not work—my adrenaline levels were racing and I was literally terrified. My partner Ken and my ex-partner Wayne held my hands to reassure me in whatever ways they could.

In retrospect I am a bit embarrassed by my reactions, but the fear of the unknown can be a powerful force. The procedure went fairly quickly and was relatively painless—although that shot of lidocaine burnt like hell, the worst part about the whole procedure was that I could actually feel the pressure of the scalpel cutting into my flesh even though I felt no pain.

Perhaps if I could have allowed myself to calm down and stop crying for a moment I could have rationalized everything, but at the time this was not an option. The

general surgeon's lack of any soothing "bed side" manner did not help the situation.

Once the line was installed life got much easier in many ways. No more needles in my arms for IV solutions. No more needle sticks for the daily blood tests. Now, those type of routine procedures could be done through the newly installed sub-clavicle line. I was very happy until the line got infected and it had to be removed. Despite the fact that caring for the line was a bit of a pain (daily flushes, bandage changes, making sure it did not get wet when showering, etc.), I actually liked having the line in many ways.

Chemotherapy was not too bad. My fears were unfounded, as I did not endure the vomiting or diarrhea, as originally feared. There was one little thing that we forgot to talk about before we started treatment. Hair loss. The day I came home from the hospital I got into my shower and busy removing about three days of hospital grunge when I began to shampoo my hair. Imagine my horror as wads of my once thick hair began to come out in my hands! It may seem silly, but this of all things nearly sent me over the edge. In retrospect it is sort of funny that of everything I have been through to date, this one thing bothered me the most.

After I was home a few days the chemo started having some nasty effects on me. I was weak, always tired and slept an average of 15 hours a day for many weeks. I was almost an invalid—unable to bathe unassisted, unable to cook, walking unassisted was difficult (stairs were a scary venture) and I could barely eat. The smell of food made me nauseated on many occasions and I subsisted for a long time on chocolate shakes.

I stopped looking at myself in the mirror—I did not like the person I saw in the reflection. During that period, I went from weighing about 220 pounds (I'm 6'3") down to 170 during this time. The transformation was scary. When I look at photos of myself taken during that time I see a person that looks like walking death.

Although my family, friends, and my partner Ken have been with me every step of the way, it was still an incredible battle for me both personally, psychologically, and medically.

Approximately the same time as I was diagnosed with pulmonary Kaposi's Sarcoma, I was also diagnosed with HIV-Related Cardio-Myopathy (Congestive Heart Failure)—brought on by some kind of viral attack on the muscle surrounding my heart. Fluid began to build up in my body tissues and my lungs. A short ten foot walk to the bathroom left me feeling like I had just ran the New York marathon. As you can imagine, this problem coupled with the after-effects of chemotherapy were difficult to manage to say the least.

Thus began a new series of drugs and tests and adjusting to having to live on an Oxygen machine almost 24 hours a day for many

months. I've always been the type of person who tended to go overboard, but who would have ever thought that I'd do it with three life threatening medical conditions! If I had not had the love and support of my partner and family, I do not think I would have made it.

Today, as I look back over the past year I feel very thankful to my partner Ken, my ex-partner and friend Wayne, my family, and my true friends for standing by me during this ordeal. Some people who I thought were friends did not bother to call, to visit me at home or in the hospital, or to even send a get well card. Maybe some people can't deal with major illnesses such as this...I don't know for sure.

What I do know is that when I needed those who were supposed to be my friends the most, some were not there. Now that I'm slowly returning to a semi-normal lifestyle they are suddenly wanting back into my life. I will accept them, but I also know what I can expect of them. These types of people I call fair weather friends—people you cannot really count on for anything. Those true friends are those who came over several times a day to walk and feed my dogs, help me bathe, make sure I ate, went to the grocery store for me, or just called to see if I needed anything.

I'm very thankful this past Christmas 1996. Moreover, I saw my 34th birthday on Dec. 28th, a day I honestly did not expect to see. It was also a great joy to feel well enough to attend the New Year's Eve party at the Warwick Hotel. I do not know if there will be a next year for me or not. I certainly hope so, but now I appreciate each day as it comes for I see each new day as a gift to treasure and hold dear. You never know when your time is up—be it from some fatal illness, a car accident, a plane crash, a robber, etc.

It seems we are all so busy running seven ways to Sunday with all the things we MUST get done. I'd like to suggest that you take a few minutes each day to reflect and to relax. Remember those who are ill and give them a call. A brief five minute phone call will not break your daily schedule and it just may make a person who is at home or in the hospital feel a little better knowing that you cared enough to call, or visit, or send a card. A brief moment of compassion for others can bring one a lifetime of rewards.

A few days after Christmas my doctor gave me one of the most wonderful gifts he could bestow on me. The results of my DNA viral load and T-Cell counts were in. My viral load went from 275,000 copies of HIV down to 53,000 copies (per x amount of blood) and my T-Cell count went from 37 up to 135 after only one month on the new drug therapy. I can only hope that the counts continue to improve the longer I'm on this Viracept, Viramune, and 3TC drug combination. I remember how much I cried the first time I was told my T-Cells were down in the 130 range...now I was jumping for joy. It's funny how life tends to come full circle.



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Hail To The Chiefs

In the current Warner Brothers movie *My Fellow Americans*, lesbians and gay men play a vital role in saving the lives of two former presidents. James Garner (as the Democrat) and Jack Lemmon (as the Republican) portray the two former leaders who are forced to go on the run after the cover-up of a scandal involving the current president (Dan Akroyd), and leads to attempts to assassinate the two.

At one point, Lemmon and Garner duck into what turns out to be a West Virginia gay pride parade to escape the bad guys. When one of the parade participants (who is in a marching band entirely made up of drag versions of Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz) befriends them, he arranges for a group of Dykes on Bikes to take them to safety. At the end of the ride, a lesbian gives Lemmon a freedom ring (gay pride) necklace, and Lemmon notes that after spending time with the lesbians, he has re-thought the issue of gays in the military and thinks that "the military could probably use several of those women." Later in the film, the Marching Dorothy heroically returns.

Please let Warner Brothers know that their non-exploitative and jovial inclusion of lesbians and gay men in *My Fellow Americans* is appreciated. Contact: Robert A. Daly, Chairperson and Co-CEO, and Terry Semel, Chairperson and Co-CEO, Warner Brothers, 4000 Warner Boulevard, Burbank, California 91522.

Gay Parenting Catches Up With The Times

Following an excellent article on the cultural and legal challenges of being a lesbian or gay parent, the Los Angeles Times (Dec. 26) airs both sides of the gay parenting issue via dueling pro-con essays.

Susan Carpenter McMillan, television commentator and spokesperson for the apparently conservative Woman's Coalition, claims that though she knows, loves and respects her lesbian cousin and cousin's partner of 15 years, the possibility of this or any gay couple legally adopting a child "is not only harmful to the child but also to society." She attributes this to lesbian and gay "selfishness."

Robert Dawidoff, co-author of *Created Equal: Why Gay Rights Matter to America*, counters her "selfishness" argument with his observation that many lesbian and gays have "suppressed our own lives in order to be devoted parents, uncles and aunts, siblings and children."

Regardless of the Times position on gay parenting, they have allowed for dissenting opinions which speak for themselves. McMillan illogically bases her anti-gay parenting stance on the biological necessity of "two-sex ingredients essential in parenting."

Dawidoff points out many children are raised successfully without the presence of both biological parents and "the proof of family values is how the family treats its own."

Tell the Times that you value their willingness to discuss a sensitive subject.

Contact: Shelby Coffey, Editor-in-Chief, Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053, fax: 213.237.4712, email: letters@latimes.com.

In The Life With The Washington Post

The *Washington Post* (Dec. 22) featured an article entitled "In The Life Struggles for Respect," which highlighted the growing success and struggles of the highly respected program about gay and lesbian issues and culture.

"For five years, *In The Life* has struggled to keep a toehold on PBS station schedules across the country. Some, like WETA (in Washington, D.C.), carried the show about gay and lesbian issues and culture from the beginning, but tucked it into late-night time slots," the article begins.

"The program has persisted, despite a sometimes-hostile political environment, and has even, in the case of WETA, received a better timeslot." The article mentions some of the financial hardships and budgetary constraints on the show, as well as the programs being targeted by anti-gay politicians as a reason to attack public broadcasting funding.

Finally, it ends by noting the importance of the show to its estimated 1.5 million viewers nationwide. "Except for a few characters on broadcast series, and a flurry of interest over whether *Ellen DeGeneres*' character will come out on *Ellen*, (*In The Life*) is one of the few to provide viewing about gays and lesbians to people in smaller towns and cities," the story notes.

Please thank the *Washington Post* for an interesting feature on *In The Life*, the many hurdles that the independent lesbian and gay program continues to overcome and its importance to the population at large. Contact: Leonard Downie, Editor-in-Chief, The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20071, e-mail: webnews@washpost.com.

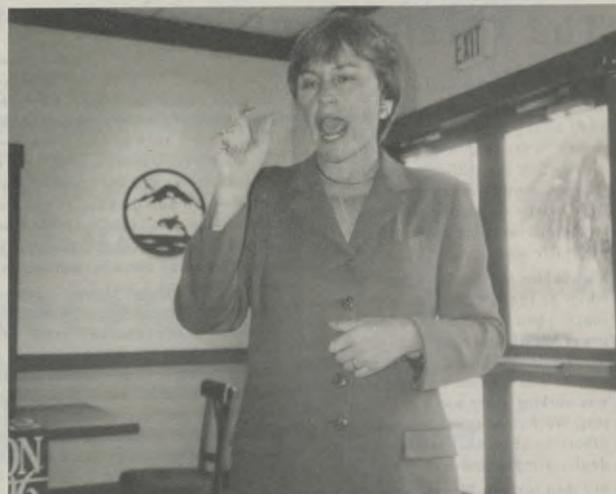
American Greetings' Card Chooses "Poor" Punch Line

Carlton Cards, a division of American Greetings, defames gay and bisexual men in a recent birthday card.

The cover of the card features an unhappy birthday boy and carries the message: "BIRTHDAY WARNING...Never try to save money by reusing candles that have already been wished on...or you might get someone else's wish. Take poor Norman here. ..." The inside caption reads "...He lost 25 pounds, got skinny thighs, has no facial hair, and gets asked out by cute guys all the time! Happy Birthday."

This supposedly humorous card warns us that "poor" sad Norman should be unhappy with his second-hand birthday wish. Playing on the banal supposition that poor Norman received something undesirable like getting "asked out by cute guys" is unfunny and homophobic.

Write Carlton Cards/American Greetings and tell them your birthday wish is that they stop making lesbian and gay Americans bear the brunt of their decid-



Roberta Achtenberg, co-chair of the Women's Inaugural Gala

edly un-American greetings. Contact: Sue Holiday, Consumer Affairs, American Greetings, 1 American Rd, Cleveland, OH 44144 or fax her at 216.252.6493.

Relativity Heats Up

ABC TV's acclaimed series *Relativity* will feature a passionate kiss between Rhonda, a lesbian character played by Lisa Edelstein, and her new girlfriend on the Jan. 11 episode. Rhonda is one of the most complex and realistic lesbian characters on television today and the kiss is in keeping with her character's romantic development.

The episode, which also portrays a steamy love scene between the two heterosexual main characters, airs at 9 p.m. on ABC and will most likely be preceded by a parental advisory concerning the sexual content. "We are enthusiastic about this honest portrayal of a lesbian character's romantic relationship," said GLAAD Managing Director William Waybourn. "GLAAD hopes that the rating the episode receives is not based on the sexual orientation of the show's characters and remains free of anti-gay bias."

Washington Lesbians Host Women's Inaugural Gala

The Women's Inaugural Gala, the first inaugural event hosted by and for lesbians, will take place in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 18. Produced by a group of Washington women representing business, government, academia and non-profit organizations, the event will benefit Washington's Lesbian Services Program of Walker-Whitman Clinic and the Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco.

Roberta Achtenberg, who is a Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and award-winning film maker Debra Chasnoff (*It's Elementary*) will co-chair the event. Said Achtenberg, "I don't know why no one ever thought of this before!" For more information contact Julie Gonen (Women's Inaugural Gala) at (202) 863-1633.

Transgender Lobbyists

Head To Washington, D.C.

A national transgender lobbying event will be held in Washington D.C. Feb. 24 and 25. Phyllis Randolph Frye, Executive Director of the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP) will train activists and coordinate state by state efforts for meeting elected representatives and their staffs.

The goal of this lobbying event is to demonstrate to Congress that the transgender community is diverse, organized and tired of being victimized by hate crimes and discrimination including being excluded from the last two versions of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). For more information contact Dee McKellar (ICTLEP) at (713) 777-8452.

Postal Service Code Prohibits Discrimination

Joining the ranks of other Cabinet-level departments (excluding the Pentagon), the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) law enforcement branch has issued a new mandatory code of conduct forbidding employees to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

According to a spokesperson for the USPS, the policy which extends to off-duty behavior as well will only affect actions that violate the law and will not impede on personal liberties such as freedom of speech.

Leonard Hirsch, president of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Employees of the Federal Government (Federal GLOBE) believes that because the USPS Postal Inspection Service involves law enforcement personnel, it is appropriate to regulate after-hours conduct. "As long as they do their job well, honestly and effectively without discrimination, there will be no problem." For more information contact Leonard Hirsch (Federal GLOBE) at (202) 986-1101.

(This column is the weekly activation tool of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a national lesbian and gay multimedia watchdog organization promoting fair, accurate and inclusive representation.)

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By LEE DAVIS

To continue last week's column regarding safe food-handling practices from Robert Lehmann's book "Cooking for Life," this week focuses on refrigeration.

"For refrigeration to have its optimal effect of keeping food fresh and safe, the temperature needs to be kept within a certain range. In the freezer that means below 0 degrees Fahrenheit; in the refrigerator, between 34 and 40 degrees. Many refrigerators fail in this, due to overcrowding or frost buildup. Sometimes their thermostats are simply not set low enough. As it is impossible to gauge the chill of a refrigerator accurately in any other way, a refrigerator thermometer is advisable to monitor temperature. Though most bacteria multiply at an increasingly faster rate as the temperature warms to room temperature, the 40-degree mark is something of a dividing line, above which the acceleration rate is most dramatic. For purposes of freezing the dividing line is 0 degrees."

"Freezing, still less refrigeration, does not destroy food-poisoning pathogens but merely arrests their development. While it is all too clear that things can spoil in the refrigerator (how's that "science project" doing?), spoilage can also occur in the freezer if the bulk of warm food is too great and the chill of the freezer insufficient to rapidly freeze the food. This is to say nothing of freezer burn from extended storage, which, though harmless, can render foods tough and tasteless. It is wise to store foods wrapped carefully, dated, and not longer than the recommendation below:

- * Fruits and Vegetables 1 year or less
- * Red Meat 9 months or less
- * Poultry 6 months or less
- * Ground Meats 3 months or less
- * Fish—fat (salmon, trout) 3 months or less
- * Fish—lean (flounder, snapper) 6 months or less"

"Improper thawing of frozen foods is another potentially dangerous area for the rapid multiplication of bacteria. For example: The surface half inch of a frozen turkey left on a kitchen counter can thaw to room temperature while the core is still frozen rock solid. In that half inch rampant bacterial activity can occur. It is therefore important to thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator, where the entire item is assured of continued chill while the thawing takes place. Very generally, in properly cold refrigeration, a large roast or turkey will take four to seven hours per pound to thaw, while a small roast or bird will take only three to five hours per pound. When thawing foods in the refrigerator, as when storing raw food, it is important not to let them leak onto other foods. Even something that seemed to have no fluid when it went into the freezer can drip as it thaws, due to the cell-membrane disruption caused by freezing. Place any thawing food into a pan or bowl, so that it won't drip onto and contaminate other foods."

"If it is necessary to thaw something more rapidly, doing so either in a microwave oven or in a basin of cool running water is recommended. For the latter,

have the frozen object in a leak-proof plastic bag and place it in a bowl larger than itself. Put the bowl in a sink and let cold water run over it, overflowing the bowl and draining into the sink. Do not rush this process by using hot or warm water, or you can foster the same surface spoilage problem described above. Let the water continue to run slowly and check the package frequently. If it is something that may be broken apart upon partial thawing, such as cut-up chicken, loosen it as soon as conveniently possible and return it to the cold running water until just thawed. Promptly cook all foods upon thawing."

"Foods that have been thoroughly cooked are sterile, since the heating process destroys the native bacteria residing in it. However, airborne pathogens will quickly reestablish colonies of bacterial growth in foods if they are left out at room temperature for long. To retard this process it is therefore necessary to refrigerate hot foods as soon as possible. A word of caution here: Most home refrigerators do not have sufficiently rapid recovery of cooling to prevent the entire contents of a refrigerator from warming to well above 40 degrees if either a large quantity of warm food or something really blazing hot is put into it. Therefore monitor hot foods until they have cooled to lukewarm and then promptly put them away. Foods stored in several small containers will cool more quickly than a single large package. Leaving lids ajar until the cooling is complete will help heat to escape, but all stored foods should be carefully covered afterward, using sealable containers, plastic wrap, or aluminum foil."

"Eggs should be left stored in their cartons in the refrigerator for two reasons. First, eggs are packed in their cartons blunt end up, which is the optimal position for their safe storage. Secondly, as most egg storage compartments are in the doors of refrigerators, eggs there are exposed to blasts of warm air every time the door is opened. The carton provides a degree of insulation that helps maintain a constant chill. Eggs should always be kept under refrigeration, as every day at room temperature causes nutritional loss equal to that of a week in the refrigerator. It is *not* necessary to wash eggs: in fact, there is a natural antibacterial coating to the egg that is water soluble and whose protective properties would thus be lost. If you feel that you must do so, wash them only just before using. Finally, never use a cracked egg; the financial expense is too slight and the potential cost to your health is too great."

"There is no hard-and-fast rule as to the length of time food may be safely stored in the refrigerator. Too many variables influence the keeping properties of any single food, much less a multiplicity of foods. Therefore, the bottom-line golden rule is always: **When in doubt, throw it out!** Without tasting it! Generally, leftovers kept more than two or three days are questionable unless they are subjected to a *thorough* re-cooking and not merely reheating. Better to cook in smaller quantities or to freeze leftovers promptly than to continue to eat food whose safety has become suspect. Much."

Raging Hormones

By CHRIS RUNDQUIST

Sci-Fi terror movies appear to be alive and well in 1997. Paramount Pictures' release of "The Relic" opens in theaters on Friday, Jan. 10, and is rated R for violence and language. This *** film will leave you worn out from the sheer suspense that it generates.

The Relic stars Penelope Ann Miller (The Gun In Betty Lou's Handbag) as evolutionary biologist Dr. Mary Green, and Tom Sizemore (Passenger 57) as police Lt. Vincent D'Agosta. Oscar winner Linda Hunt (The Year of Living Dangerously) co-stars, but her role is fairly insignificant (pity). The film also stars a really cool mutated gecko, that has a craving for human hormone glands.

The film opens in the Amazon jungle of Brazil, where an anthropologist from Chicago is studying an ancient tribe of Indians. The tribe has a legend that says that their ancestors made a deal with the devil to protect themselves from other tribes. The relic that the movie is named for is a statue of the demon lizard that the devil

created to protect the tribe.

The rest of the movie takes place at the Museum of Natural History in Chicago, where the relic was shipped to be studied. When a security guard at the museum turns up dead, Tom Sizemore comes in to investigate. With the help of Penelope Ann Miller, they solve the mystery. Fortunately, and interestingly, the producers are able to accomplish this without retreating to the formulaic and tired old love interest conflict that is so prevalent in this genre.

The greatest asset in this movie is that it is genuinely a terror movie. The suspense is skillfully generated by the actors, the soundtrack, and great visual effects. It does not rely on simple blood and gore like so many other so-called horror movies. Although there is enough blood and guts to satisfy those of you who really enjoy that element.

While the first half of the movie moves a little slowly, it is worth the wait. The second half will keep you on the edge of your seat. Just try not to squeeze the hand of whom ever is next to you too tightly.

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IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Catch up on correspondence with friends. Be wary though, encounters with others may end in emotional outbursts, which may leave you a bit bewildered. You may feel that you are constantly at battle with your significant other, which leads you nowhere.

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) Use all of the resources available to you. A family argument may take some extra attention to straighten out, with no serious fallouts. You may need to make some choices - between spending more quality time with family and friends, or

advancing at work.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) There seems to be some apparent conflict, but it is of a healthy variety, and may yield some unexpected benefits in the form of totally new approaches to routine situations. Don't make hasty decisions regarding financial matters until you know the whole story.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) You and your significant other may make a wonderful connection and the sense that you are growing closer will bring both of you joy. Success will be yours, even if it is of a low-key nature. You know you've made great strides, and soon the right people will notice.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) Try to take it easy this week. You have been going at a frantic pace, and it will start to catch up with you. Decisions made hastily may be flawed, so put off action until you have all the facts. Treat yourself to something special, and maybe something a little frivolous.

LEO: (July 24- August 23) You will get ahead by working hard. Nothing less than your reputation is at stake, but no need to worry since your work is usually above reproach. Expect a little bit of a delay, because soon you'll be riding on the crest of success. The spotlight is yours, you deserve it.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) Prosperity is an issue, so instead of whining, take action. Work a little harder and you'll be surprised at the financial results. A surge of inspiration will enable you to get through any potentially rough situations - clear all avenues of communication.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) Use your clout to get some new and different changes off the ground at work. Friends and co-workers can really come in handy now. You're working for no less than the greater good of all involved - remember this. Don't be taken in by careless flirting with someone new.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) Keeping your nose to the grindstone is admirable to a point, but you might make a better impression with superiors if your approach is more balanced. Learn to give some responsibilities to others if you are interested in a management position.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) You tend to keep your emotional distress to yourself, and this might not be for the best. Allow someone close to penetrate your defenses. Your beauty comes from within, and creates a glow that is obvious to others around you. Make plans carefully to assure a positive outcome.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) A little contemplation will get your week off on a calm and clear path. You are pleased with the results up until now, but do want to improve your work. Allow troublesome obstacles to dissolve themselves. You can't hasten this process by hovering and worrying needlessly.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) Is your current relationship a little unbalanced? If so, playing the role too faithfully can bring resentment and boredom. Maybe a planned weekend pleasure trip is just what the doctor ordered. One or both of you may need to learn something new. Make peace with inevitable changes.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) When working on your financial plan for the future, avoid putting all your eggs in one basket. Anything which looks definite may not be beneficial in the end. Diversify investments and don't expect to get rich overnight. Any health problems are probably from neglect.



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The Look of the Future



The staff at Net Style and Melange Designs

By CRAD DUREN

Houston Voice Publisher

The Houston Voice has grown during the last year, primarily as a result of our support of the Community. Last year we asked our readers to let us know what aspects of the paper they enjoyed and which ones they didn't. The Community responded and we listened.

Recently, the Houston Voice underwent some major changes with respect to its graphic layout and design. In the next few weeks, you will witness more changes designed to provide our community with a first-class newspaper worthy of its readers.

The Houston Voice and its staff, myself included, would like to thank all those who have been involved in these exciting changes and bestow upon them the credit they deserve for their hard work and extraordinary commitment.

The recent changes have been a team effort on behalf of some of our community's finest businesses and our diligent staff: Carolyn Roberts, Lee Davis, Bill Shepherd, Stephen Schmidt, Matthew Pennington, John Toups, J.C. Mich-



The staff of the Vilven Design Group—Jim, Liz and Rob Tomlin

elak and Benjamin Diaz and the numerous contributing writers.

The following business' and individuals were instrumental throughout the entire process and we look forward to a continuing relationship with them.

The Vilven Design Group

Headed by Jim and Liz Vilven, along with creative copywriter Robert Tomlin, this father-daughter graphic arts team have earned accolades from many businesses in Houston including ours.

A relatively new graphics firm (3 year old), VDG already has a major national award to its credit, the Champion International Graphic Design Award for the 1995 Houston Symphony Opening Night Gala.

They specialize in providing new companies with an image design and marketing materials to ensure rapid business growth. Liz is the creative force in the group and a delight to work with. Her imagination runs afield with artistic ideas—from abstract and zany to the less avant garde toward conservatism. Jim, as art director, is a talented typographer who has 35 years experience in the graphics field, advertising, and newsprint. Jim has a tendency to push the envelope in copy writing communications and reap the success as a result.

"We're ecstatic to be a part of the Houston Voice rebirth as a quality publication, the voice for Houston and Harris County's gay Community," said Liz Vilven.

The Houston Voice was equally as enthusiastic to have them as part of the team.

The House of Coleman

Since its founding in October, 1970, the House of Coleman has been synonymous with excellence in printing. Marion Coleman, as proprietor, is widely known within Houston business circles for her dedication and excellence in her craft. Additionally, Marion Coleman's community involvement is immeasurable and respected by business leaders and clients.

Located just southwest of Montrose on W. Alabama, House of Coleman, Inc. is a high quality printer that is renowned for its exacting workmanship and painstaking attention to detail. The company has won many prestigious industry awards and civic honors. Printing

awards include The Benjamin Franklin Award, Printing Industries of America Achievement Award, American Red Cross Communication Excellence Award and others.

Civic Honors and Awards bestowed upon Ms. Coleman include the Women in Communication Woman of the Year (1977); the Printing Industries of America Ben Franklin Award (1974) and positions on the Texas Women's Commission, Police Advisory Commission of the City of Houston and the Citizen's Review Committee for the City of Houston.

"It's been extremely exciting professionally working with the Houston Voice because I believe, as with the Voice, our Community deserves a quality professional newspaper and the Voice is delivering this product," said Coleman.

The Houston Voice extends its appreciation to Marion Coleman and the House of Coleman staff for its valuable advice and suggestions during this transition period and looks forward to a prosperous relationship in future endeavors.

Preferred Graphics

Dan DiDonato started his business, Preferred Graphics, in April of 1994, with a focus on providing quality desktop publishing and graphic design service to the Community. A resident neighbor in the 811 Westheimer building, Dan's assistance has been instrumental in our new look.

Preferred Graphics provides turn-key services such as graphic design and layout, high resolution image editing and output, Internet Web page design and temporary personnel services, along with PC hardware and software maintenance.

"Being in business within the Gay and Lesbian Community has been a very rewarding experience. Each year our gross revenues have doubled. I extend great appreciation and have much gratitude for the tremendous support that I have received from our Community," extolled Dan.

Net Style and Melange Designs

Thanks to Houston Voice staffer Stephen Schmidt, Net Style and Melange Designs was brought into the team to offer their advise and expertise.

The company's mission is to unlock the



Marion Coleman (House of Coleman) and Crad Duren

marketing potential of our their clients by providing them with an experienced design staff and sales team. Utilizing the latest technology for graphic arts, they bring the art of customized graphics to the Internet as well as print media.

"Advertising is a visual platform where 'Image' is everything. We believe that knowing how to design a Web page or do a graphic layout is not enough, so we listen to the marketing desires of a client. This allows us to design a Web page or print media that best represents the client, and the product," said Jason, the staff member who assisted during the transition.

Again, the Houston Voice wants to extend its gratitude to the aforementioned businesses for their workmanship. It is our intent to provide this community with a quality newspaper for the gay and lesbian community of Houston. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to providing you with a 90s style publication that you can be proud of at this time and on into the next century. Thank you!



Dan DiDonato of Preferred Graphics

C O L U M N I S T

Yves Saint Laurent—A Biography

By DAVID RICHARDSON

Yves Saint Laurent—Three little words, but with one big meaning: Fashion. Author Alice Rawsthorn takes us on an intimate journey of the man who has been one of the final words in fashion for over four decades now. Her expertise comes from the fact that she has worked for the Financial Times for ten years, writing about fashion, design and the entertainment industry. Perhaps this is why she has such an obvious love and knowledge of her subject.

The book begins in 1936 when Yves Henri Donat Mathieu Saint-Laurent is born in a clinic in Oran, Algeria. It becomes apparent at a young age that he has a gift for sketch, creation and design. After winning a design contest at seventeen, he takes his first trip to Paris where he meets the editor in chief of Vogue and discusses possible career prospects.

In 1955 he is hired by Christian Dior as an assistant. A scant two years later, Dior passes away and Saint-Laurent is designate chief of the couture house. In 1958, he unveils his first collection which is greeted enthusiastically by the paparazzi. At the same time he meets what will become his lover and business partner,

Pierre Berge. He begins to create new collections and also designs successful sets and costumes for popular theatrical productions.

Unfortunately, in 1960, he suffers a setback when he is drafted into the French Army, where he suffers a mental breakdown. His treatment in the military hospital was cruel, but he is transferred to a mental institution and finally released, due in part to the efforts of his lover. In time, YSL is back on the throne of fashion opening Rive Gauche, the first chain of ready to wear boutiques with locations in New York, Paris and London.

He becomes such a success that he begins to clothe many of the world's top names,

including Elizabeth Taylor, Helena Rubinstein, Diane Vreeland, Paloma Picasso, Catherine Deneuve and Lauren Bacall. He also opens lines of perfumes and cosmetics. Life's ups are not without its downs and this book spares no punches in mentioning the designer's addiction to drugs and bouts of massive depression. Through it all though, we have an intimate portrait of a genius who dedicated his whole life to making people look and feel beautiful, and over a span of forty years, is still earning rave reviews. *Yves Saint Laurent—A Biography* by Alice Rawsthorn retails for \$27.50, hard cover and is available in local area bookstores.



Friday, Jan. 10

- * Heaven: \$1 well and \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm; Buffet at 5:00 pm.
- * Cousin's: Drag show at 11:00 pm.
- * Midtowne Spa: Shower dancers.
- * BriarPatch: Steve plays for Happy Hour; Wayne Gray tickles the rest of the night! Blackjack tables with Bunny O'Hare open at 9:30 pm.
- * Rascals: Free hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Hourly shot specials; Video Post Office at 9:00 pm.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 6:00 pm; \$2 Kamikazes.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo. "Jezebel's Jubilee," a fundraiser for the RSICSS by candidate Jennifer Ellsworth at 9:00 pm.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10:00 pm; male dancers 8:00 pm to 2:30 am; After hours until 4:00 am.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli: hard body male dancers.
- * Club Incognito: Boyz night out.
- * Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm. The National Leather Association: Houston guest bartends at 9:00 pm.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.
- * E/J's: Happy Hours 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip Contest at 11:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street: Cyber Infusion: NEW cutting edge light show! \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 schnapps; Doors open at 7:00 pm. No cover until 9:00 pm.
- * 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9:00 pm.
- * Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; After Hours until 4:00 am.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- * Rich's: Frat Night Fizz Fridays! Animal House! Togas are encouraged! 18+ welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call; Doors open at 9:00 pm.

- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo. Faces Band, with Andre on Vocals play starting at 9:00 pm.
- * BriarPatch: Wayne Gray and others play live.
- * E/J's: \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Star-Studded show with Roxanne Lee Love at 11:00 pm.
- * Rascals: Doors open at 2:00 pm; Happy hour until 8:00 pm. \$1 Well drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

- draft beer.
- * Ripcord: After hours until 4:00 am.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:30 am; happy hour until 10:00 pm; After hours until 4:00 am.
- * Rich's: 21 and up tonight! No cover before 10:00 pm; \$1 well drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm; DJ J.D. Arnold spins the beat of Billboard. Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo. Faces Band, with Andre on Vocals play starting at 9:00 pm.
- * BriarPatch: Wayne Gray and others play live.
- * E/J's: \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Star-Studded show with Roxanne Lee Love at 11:00 pm.
- * Rascals: Doors open at 2:00 pm; Happy hour until 8:00 pm. \$1 Well drinks 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 12

- * E/J's: \$1 Bud and Bud Light. Gay Men's Chorus mingles from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- * Cousin's: Drag Show at 11:00 pm.
- * Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm; Cook-out on the "Far Side" and the Texas Riders guest bartend at 5:00 pm.
- * J.R.'s: 99c well vodka juice drinks noon until 11:00 pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6:00 pm; Male Swim wear strip contest at 11:00 pm
- * BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Open pool tables;
- * Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11:00 pm. No cover before 10:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 5:00 pm; Steak night from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Miss BRB Contest at 7:30 pm.
- * Mary's: 50c draft beer; \$1.75 Well drinks and longnecks from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; Ken Claude, Candidate for Mr. Prime Choice guest bartends.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Pool tournament at 5:30 pm; Boy Toys dance at 7:00 pm; Male Strip contest at 11:00 pm. \$2 Kool-Aids.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street: Male Overload! Doors open at 7:00 pm; No shirt, no cover! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from noon to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- * Rascal's: 99c vodka drinks; \$1 domestic longnecks; \$1.75 well drinks.
- * Rich's: 18 and up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Klub Kamp... a comedy revue with Simply Divine and Lana Blake at 10:30 pm; Doors open at 8:00 pm.
- * 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- * Ripcord: \$1.50 well and domestic beer all day/all night.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks; \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25c refills; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- * Heaven: 75c well drinks 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut and Bacardi Limonade; 75c draft beer; Super Show at 11:00 pm.

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Outpost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip 11:00 pm.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- * Rascal's: 99c vodka drinks; \$1 domestic longnecks; \$1.75 well drinks.
- * Rich's: 18 and up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Klub Kamp... a comedy revue with Simply Divine and Lana Blake at 10:30 pm; Doors open at 8:00 pm.
- * 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- * Ripcord: \$1.50 well and domestic beer all day/all night.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks; \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25c refills; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- * Heaven: 75c well drinks 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut and Bacardi Limonade; 75c draft beer; Super Show at 11:00 pm.

Monday, Jan. 13

- * Free HIV Testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Brazos River Bottom. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * Outpost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Male Strip 11:00 pm.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic

- beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; Martinis and Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street: Mall Escape! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps; No cover until 11:00 pm.
- * Club Houston: Half price lockers from noon to midnight.
- * Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3.50 Crown Royal.
- * BriarPatch: Wheel of Fortune and Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Clint plays topless; Open pool tables.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$1 longnecks at 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well and domestic beer.
- * Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night.
- * 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- * Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30 pm; male dancers 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.
- * Four Star Hair Productions: \$2 off haircut and free beer 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. 524-7785.
- * Rascal's: \$1.25 domestic longnecks; pool tournament at 8:30 pm; Free pizza.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

- * Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic at Club Houston. 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Female Dancers at 10:30 pm.
- * J.R.'s: 2 for Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, frozen Ritas and wine; Jockey short contest at 11:00 pm; grab for cash at midnight.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street: Executive Night. No cover with your personalized business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$2 Windex shots.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$2 Cuervo.
- * E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Mug Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- * Rascals: \$1.25 domestic longnecks and well drinks; Gay Movies.
- * Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7:00 am to 11:00 pm; \$1 domestic longnecks.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 domestic longnecks; \$2.50 well drinks; \$3 any other drink in the house! Happy hour until 10:00 pm; male dancers 9:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- * Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, and video rooms from noon until midnight.
- * Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- * BriarPatch: Drawing for dollars at Happy Hour; Marcel holds court at the keyboard.
- * Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine noon to 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

- * Bricks II: GRAND OPENING at 12 noon. Hors d'oeuvres & drink specials. 528-8102.
- * BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Saloon singer Beverly Sisco tickles the ivories.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 7:00 pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11:00 pm.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks. \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long

- Island Tea: Joe Boxer dance contest at 11:00 pm.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.
- * Rascals: \$1.25 domestic longnecks and well drinks; Lil' Rascals strip contest at 11:00 pm; Free happy hour buffet.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9:00 pm.
- * Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm.
- * Pacific Street: Doors open at 9:00 pm.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; Drink specials all day and all night.
- * Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 9:00 pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks.
- * Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night and shower dancers.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Free Pool Tables.
- * E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.40 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Burger night.
- * Ripcord: \$2 well and domestic beer all day/all night.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.
- * Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser and 75c Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace takes you to the Edge: Doors open at 9:00 pm.

Thursday, Jan. 16

- * Free HIV testing and counseling by the Montrose Clinic at the Venture-N from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and at Rich's from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- * 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night.
- * BerryHill II: Happy Hour until 10:00 pm; Male Dancers at 10:30 pm.
- * E/J's: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; \$1.50 vodka 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Mug club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Tacos on the patio.
- * Pacific Street: Sexx Thursdays; \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No cover with current gym card.
- * Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, and video rooms from noon to midnight.
- * Gentry: Happy Hour from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Boy Toys dance at 9:00 pm; \$3 Skyy vodka.
- * Rascals: Happy hour buffet 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm; \$1.75 well drinks; \$1.50 domestic longnecks.
- * Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; 75c Schnapps.
- * Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, and wine; Male dancers at 9:00 pm; Happy hour until 10:00 pm.
- * Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, and wine from noon until 7:00 pm.
- * Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials until 11:00 pm; Burgers on the patio from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; dance lessons at 9:00 pm.
- * Ripcord: Happy Hour 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Star Trek on the big screen at 8:00 pm & 9:00 pm; Classic Rock night.
- * OutPost: Happy Hour 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- * J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis and \$4.50 doubles; \$3.75 top shelf liquor, \$2.25 Imported, Saint Arnold and Micro brewed beer; Star Search Gold Karaoke at 9:00 pm.
- * Nancy Ford at Ms. B's at 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm, open mike and karaoke 10:30 pm to 1:00 am.
- * Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer and well from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer and \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo. Kick-off "In-Town" Show for Coronation XIII at 9:00 pm.
- * BriarPatch: Drawing for Dollars at Happy Hour; Wayne Gray, Laurie Gage and new to the BriarPatch Edith Head perform live.
- * Cousin's: Talent contest at 11:00 pm.



Klub Kamp at Rich's



Party Pals at Chances



Edith Head performs at the BriarPatch

Important Stuff

I better see all of you in my office on Saturday, Jan. 11, between 10 am and 6 pm. Why? Well, to vote for your new Emperor and Empress for the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star, of course.

Bricks II opens its doors on Jan. 15 at noon! Stop in and welcome Dave Parker and the gang at 617 Fairview.

Do you remember the Exile? It was this "quaint" little bar in downtown Houston on Bell Street. Well, the gang at E/J's does and are going to hold a tribute to the Exile on Sunday, Jan. 19 @ 8:00 pm. Be sure to mark this on your calendars, 'cuz this is going to be a show not to be missed!

The 10th annual Silk Stocking Ball is approaching! This gala is on Feb. 7, @ Moody Gardens. I went last year and had a blast. This fundraiser is benefiting the Galveston County AIDS Related Charities. Ticket and other info is available by calling (409) 765-5791 or (409) 986-6100.

Congrats to Richard, owner of Basic Brothers on receiving the "President's Award" given to him by the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce!

24 Hour Video and News never closes! (Like you could not tell that by their name!) The new location at 2641 Winrock offers 62 different movies in 62 private squeaky clean rooms. They also sell toys, novelties, magazines, lingerie, leather & lace. They have California Style viewing rooms, too! 24 Hour Video and News also has a location at 2039 Mangum. Be sure to stop in and check it out!

The Rainbow Fishing Club has reserved 25 places on the Texsun II for Sunday, June 22. This will be an official Pride Week event. The Texsun II carries 65 people and goes 40-60 miles out into the Gulf of Mexico. The cost for the 12 hour trip will be \$60 per person, which includes all fishing tackle and bait! If you would like more info, or wish to sign up for this or any other scheduled trip, call 523-6381. Their next trip is Jan. 19.

The Carriage Creamery opens its doors on Jan. 11 and will feature free samples, music, specials and carriage rides through the Heights all beginning at 7:00 pm. The Carriage Creamery is located at 701 E. 11th Street between Heights and Stu-

dewood. For more info, call 863-9595.

The men of the National Leather Association: Houston will be guest bartending at Pacific Street this Saturday, Jan. 11. Head out to the patio and have a drink or two with them.

Author of the newly released "The Homo Handbook," a survival guide for Lesbians and Gay men, Judy Carter will be performing at the Laff Stop on Jan. 20 @ 8:00 pm. Her show is for one night only, and advanced tickets are \$12 and \$15 the night of the performance. Please call the Laff Stop (524-2333) and get your tickets now!

Mardi Gras is creeping up! The Ripcord, as usual, will have a bus trip to Mardi Gras in Galveston on Feb. 8. Tickets go fast, so

full body shaking sneeze. Ratrat also snored. His little nose was congested. It is the sweetest sound he has ever made. Anyway, the books said that the cold should run its course in 3 to 5 days. Ratrat was sick for 4 days. When I checked on him this morning, he was sleeping, without snoring and sometime thru the night he had dumped his food bowl over and made a big mess. Yes, he is back to normal.

The usual disclaimer is in force! If you find garbage like what I spew each week, please feel free to turn the page. This is lies, gossip, and trash.

Michael G. (hangs at the Outpost): Gotten any hand-jobs lately?

Ricky-Don (hangs at Mary's): And I quote: "I can only sit so long, then I have to get

were really a W-I-D-E receiver.

Kip (Gentry): The Poseidon Adventure was a great idea, but why weren't you upside down on New Year's Day?

Bill (Houston Voice): Just where did you leave your eyeglasses?

Jim R. (Venture-N): Have you signed up for your sign language classes yet?

Damion (Club Houston): And I quote: "I'm a fag and what do fags do? They decorate!"

Tiara (hangs at the BRB): Remember one thing, those claws work as a seam ripper. Love and kisses, Tommie Sue Ellen.

Tommie Sue Ellen (BRB): Is it true your ass is really flame retardant? There is a rumor that several people (not men) have set it on fire.

Tully (hangs at Chances): I have a message to you from Mac: "Yes, honey, you are always worthy!"

Paul U. (Venture-N): You are so sweet. Thanks for the offer of a jacket last week on that chilly day!

Lady Lee (hangs at the BRB): I hear you discovered a new dance, the Macarena and Cheese.

Randall (Gentry): Wow, that is quite a drink you make called a "Hot Shot!"

Miss Rona (BRB): Are you any kin to Vestal Goodman?

Brian (Chances): When was the last time you took your car out for a pee?

Ken Claude (Basic Brothers): Yes, honey the logo goes to the left of his penis!

Dirk (PS): I heard what you did! You naughty boy!

Maryann (hangs at Chances): What is this I hear about you talking with your mouth full?

Chris (Charlie's): You put that wine bottle where?

Raci (Chances): It took you and the entire court system and you still couldn't do it!

Rodent Rooter: I miss you!

Have a great week!

Cuervolyn



Boys on their way to being girls



Michael, you are soooo butch

hurry on down to the Ripcord and get yours now! \$25 in advance, \$30 on the day of the trip if there are any left.

Milestones

A happy birthday to the Houston Voice's former editor Deborah Bell.

A happy birthday to David of the Ripcord.

A happy birthday to Kip at Gentry.

Rodent Droppings

I'm a bad mommy. Ratrat caught a cold from me! If you did not know, ferrets easily catch the human cold virus. I did everything my ferret books told me to do... the humidifier, forcing vitamins, keeping him warm...etc. He was the cutest sick ferret I have ever seen (no, I'm not partial.) Ferrets normally sneeze a lot. It is a cute, little sneeze. But a ferret with a cold does a



Miss Alabama in her "Exile" days

up!"

Big Mike (BRB): Is it true that you have been trying to borrow Miss A's Tu-tu? Are you going to wear it behind the bar?

Dave W. (hangs at Gentry): You sure looked like a "roughneck" Monday night at Gentry!

Matt (new meat at the BRB): Is it true that you have so much hair under your arms that Red birds have tried to make a nest there?

Regina Dane: I understand that you won the Shelly Winter's Look A-Like Contest!

Bob (Mary Todd): I saw a great TV special on you this weekend! Mary Todd Lincoln was insane. Are you? And have you brought any live lobsters home for Missy lately?

Justin (hangs at the BRB): I hear you want to know where Bill was last Wednesday. Ask Vera, she knows all about it.

JC (Houston Voice): Did you really wake-up Monday morning, still in your "Sunday-Going to a Meeting" suit with 2 huge empty bags of chips, empty bags of M&M's and a opened jar of salsa at your side?

Miss Alabama (BRB): Since you got a new title, I hear you have put new rhinestones on your cigarette holder.

Crystal Rae Lee Love: It has been requested that at the next Court meeting that you leave your vibrator at home and quit making biscuits.

Steven (hangs at Mary's): Did you really "Speak in Tongues" at Mary's on Christmas Eve?

Nick (BRB): I hear you played a tight end in High School football. But, I found out you



Party Animals at Rascals!



And this old girl drives the Pimpmobile!

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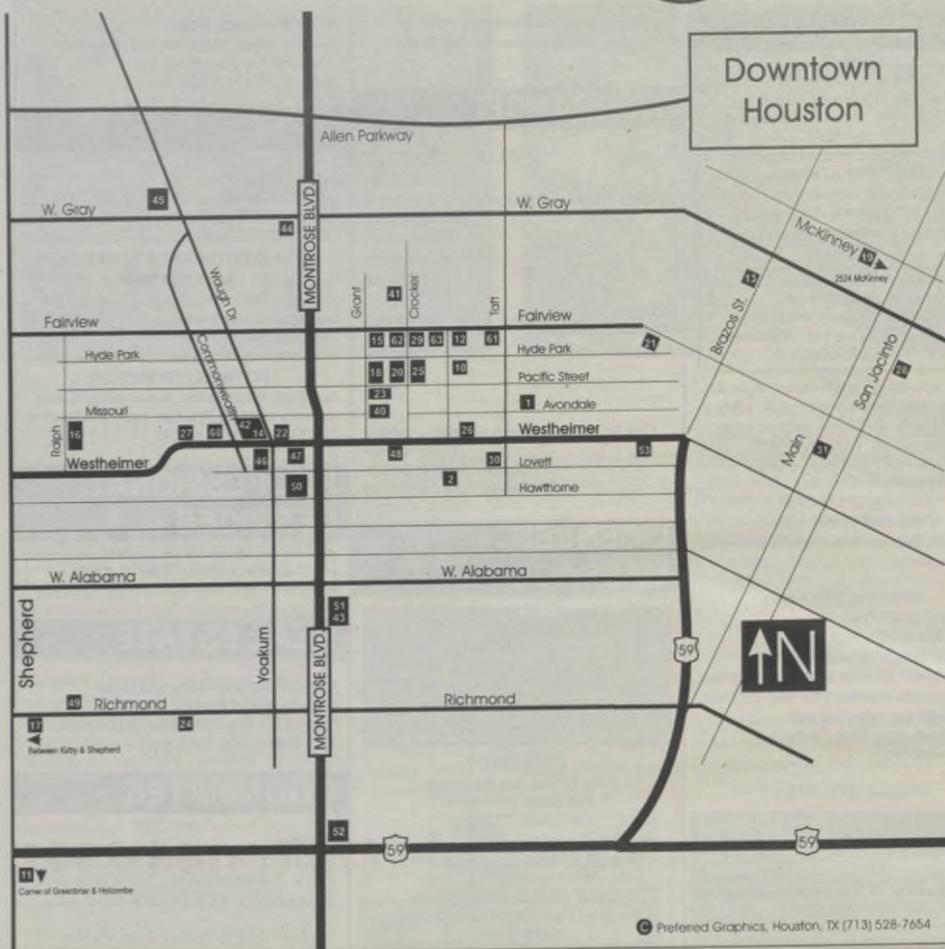
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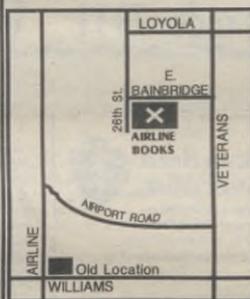
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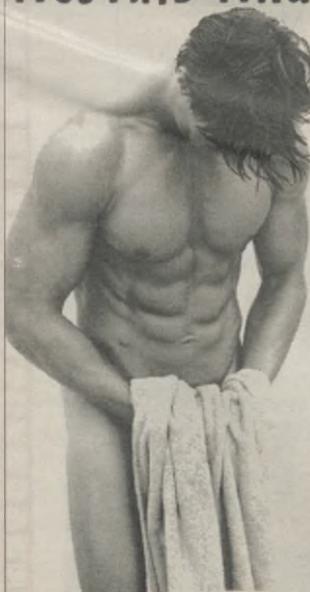
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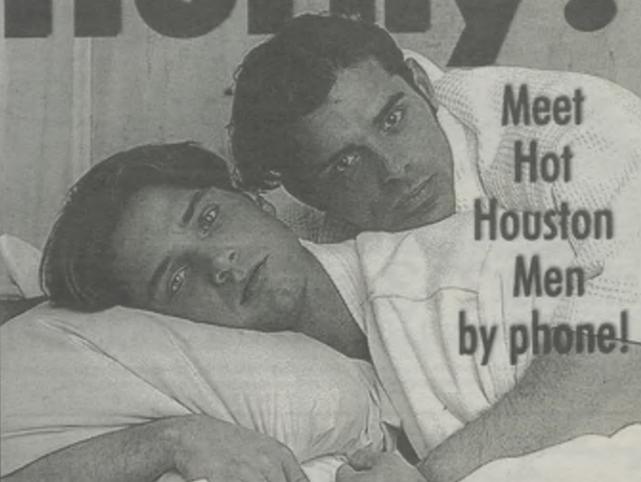
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SBF I'm a 21-year-old, horny, Black female. If you want to know more, call & leave me a message. Call Ext. 5164

SWF 43, non-smoker. Enjoy cooking, the mall & parks. Looking for love. Should be interesting & White or biracial. Call Ext. 5208

SWF Red hair, green eyes, 20. Looking for someone, 21-25, who is White or biracial. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5279

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SHM 34, handsome. Searching for that special guy for companionship. I am HIV+. Willing to know you & share with you. Let's be good friends. It will lead us to a very special relationship of love & respect. Race is not important. Prefer someone masculine-looking & acting. Prefer a top, ages 26-46, who is discreet. Will respond. Call Ext. 5294

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SWM Certified sailing skipper looking for a sailing captain. I'm 6' & 220 lbs. I have a tight end, football player's build, with strawberry-blond hair & green eyes. I have a hairy body. I'm very masculine, drug-free & disease-free. Looking for guys who have similar qualities or those who may be attracted to my qualities. Call Ext. 5149

SM 5'10", 200 lbs., 8". I love sex, drugs & having a good time. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5283

SWM 35, 5'6", 160 lbs., clean & discreet. I am very aggressive & demanding. Looking for a submissive, older White male for a possible long-term relationship. Let's fulfill both of our fantasies. Call Ext. 5282

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SWM Attractive, 5'11", 180 lbs. Would like to meet a female impersonator. Call Ext. 5261

SWM 5'7", brown hair, & eyes, 43. I like music, arts, opera, the theater, museums & quiet dinners at home. I also enjoy kissing, cuddling & touching. I'm open to new & varied interests. I'm a laid-back, sensitive & down-to-earth person. I'd like to meet Hispanic, White or Asian males who are 25-50. Call Ext. 5240

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SHM 29, 6'1", 220 lbs., HIV+, healthy. I'm financially secure. I like going out & having quiet, romantic dinners at home. Call Ext. 5275

SWM 29, 6', 160 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, smooth chest, tan body. I'm a construction worker from Louisiana. Looking for a gay, White or Hispanic male to show me around, in more ways than one. Friends first, possibly more. No games. No chubbies or above. If you are 21-35, a brunet & 5'4" or taller, call me. I will bring you there. Call Ext. 5238

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SHM Attractive, outgoing, 34. Searching for a special friend. Someone willing to understand my living with HIV for 10 years. Call Ext. 5255

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SWM Brown hair, very blue eyes, 5'9", 180 lbs., very muscular, 34. Looking for a very sensual, feminine TV or TS. Let's have a really good time & see where it goes. Call Ext. 5232

SWM 27, 6'3", 195 lbs., in very good shape. Looking for a gay White man who is 27 or older, tall & masculine, to have fun with. Call Ext. 5231

SHM 5'9", 165 lbs. Looking for another gay Hispanic male. Non-smoking, but drinking is okay. No games. I would like to go out and have a good time. Call Ext. 5295

SM 37, 5'8", 160 lbs., muscular, handsome, dark brown hair, hazel-green eyes. I'm a healthy, HIV+ person. I take care of myself. I'd like to meet another HIV+ man who is single & living in Houston. Should be attractive & masculine. Seeking someone who prefers to be a top in bed. I enjoy being a bottom. If you are interested, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5269

SWM 44, 5'9", 165 lbs. I'm a bottom, with brown hair & brown eyes. I'm clean-shaven, with short hair. I'm straight-acting & discreet. I enjoy giving blow jobs & receiving anal action. Looking for a White male who is a top man. Someone who is taller than me. Must be muscular, with above-average endowment. Smokers & light drinkers okay. Call Ext. 5244

SHM 42, HIV+, healthy. I enjoy life & quiet evenings at home. Looking for friendship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5273

SM 20, 6'1", 200 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. Like to sing, dance, go out & have quiet times at home. Looking for a relationship. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5272

SBM 33, 6', slender, smooth, HIV+, very healthy & active. I love music, sports, dining in, dining out & cuddling. I'm very flexible & willing to try other things. Looking for Black males for friendship & a possible relationship. I'm honest, sincere & trustworthy. Must like to have fun. Call Ext. 5265

SWM 35, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark hair, mustache, hazel eyes, glasses. I live in Louisiana, but I visit Houston once a month to visit family. I'm looking for guys who want to go out & have some fun. Also looking for sex partners. I'm very active & in good shape. I get to the gym 3-4 times a week. I enjoy the outdoors, camping, canoeing, hiking, water skiing & horseback riding. I like to try new adventures. Call Ext. 5300

SWM 39, 6'1", 160 lbs., green eyes, mustache, goatee. Looking for Hispanics who are 18-30. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5297

SWM 5'7", brown hair, & eyes, 43. I like music, arts, opera, the theater, museums & quiet dinners at home. I also enjoy kissing, cuddling & touching. I'm open to new & varied interests. I'm a laid-back, sensitive & down-to-earth person. I'd like to meet Hispanic, White or Asian males who are 25-50. Call Ext. 5240

SWM Gay, 41, 5'5", green eyes, blonde hair. Enjoy quiet evenings at home, movies, rock 'n' roll music & playing board games on occasion. Looking for a White or Hispanic male to spend time with. Call Ext. 5220

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SWM I'm a very young 43-year-old, sailing skipper looking for a sailing captain. I'm a 6', 220 lb. teddy bear. I've considered stocky, beefy & a linebacker build. I have red, strawberry-blond hair, hazel-green eyes, a mustache & a hairy chest. Looking for guys with similar qualities, or those who are attracted to my qualities. Also looking for a gay sailing club & interested in forming one if one is not out there. Call Ext. 5212

SWM 6'1", green eyes, mustache, goatee, 39, tall, smooth body. I'd like to meet White or Hispanic guys. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5221

Gay male, 23, 6'1", 172 lbs., dark hair, dark eyes, well-toned, smooth. Looking for bodybuilders to have good times with. Call Ext. 5195

SM 46, 6', 280 lbs., graying hair. Seeking a gay White, Asian or Hispanic male, 25-50, who is drug & disease-free. He should be slim-to-medium-built, with fuzzy legs. I enjoy friends, music & honesty. I'm compassionate & affectionate. Call Ext. 5192

SM 32, 5'10", 145 lbs., brown hair, beard, eyes, mustache, average-looking. I just moved here from Florida & I'm looking for friendship. Into Asian, Caucasians or Hispanics. Enjoy sports, the outdoors, the beach, amusement parks & more. Also into erotic wrestling. Interested in guys who are between the ages of 25-35. Call Ext. 5296

SWM Safe, sane. Looking for other guys into body punching. All limits respected. Call for details. Call Ext. 5292

SWM 46, 6', 210 lbs., dark blonde hair. Searching for that special person. A White or Hispanic male, 30-50, who is sincere. Seeking a friendship or relationship. I like doing simple things that people can do together. Call Ext. 5281

SWM Masculine, attractive, 37, dark brown hair, smooth olive complexion, hazel-green eyes, witty sense of humor, 5'8", 165 lbs. I'm a healthy HIV+ male who takes care of myself. Looking to meet a single, HIV+ man who lives in Houston & is good-looking. Prefer someone close to my age & a top. Not attractive to feminine men. Looking for a real guy. Leave a message if you want to talk. Call Ext. 5201

SBM Well-hung. Looking for someone to have a good time with. Call Ext. 5216

SWM 36, HIV+, 6'2", 160 lbs. Looking for love in all the wrong places. I'm fun-loving, humorous & open-minded. I'm a light drinker & smoker. I'm somewhat Bohemian with an appreciation for the finer things in life. Enjoy quiet evenings at home with an occasional night out on the town. Call Ext. 5264

SWM Handsome, 37, 5'8", 172 lbs. I work out frequently & I'm muscular. I'd like to meet a guy late 30's to mid-40's good-looking. Must like to have a lot of fun. He should enjoy being a real top guy. If you want to play with my nice, smooth muscular body, give me a call. Call Ext. 5201

SWM 31, 5'5", 145 lbs. I'm very boyish-looking. Looking for a gay, White or Hispanic male, 21-32, who likes sports, rock music, cars, traveling & casinos. Call Ext. 5252

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